



San Francisco Orchid Society

For over 70 years the SFOS mission has been to foster the culture and conservation of orchids and to promote education of its members and the public about orchids. Our goals include: an exchange of information from exhibitions, publications, and the Internet, maintenance of a reference library, and participation in worldwide activities.

Next Meeting:

7 pm Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers), AND virtual meeting via Zoom. **NEW Zoom password: SFOS2022**

6.30 pm for AOS judging

More details on page 3

Welcome new members!

Kirsten Wisner, Sarah Qadri, Dean Kelch, Cassandra Adams & John LeBourgeois

Monthly AOS judgments:

Pac Central JC on the 1st Tuesday night (6:30pm at SFOS meeting) & on the 3rd Sat morning each month (9am at Filoli Gardens in Woodside); for more info contact James Heilig (heiligja@msu.edu)

CA Sierra Nevada JC (CSNJC) judging: Both judgments, Sun Feb. 6 and Sun. Feb. 20, now at Dueling Dogs Brewing Co, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln CA. For more info: Lynne Murrell (lynne.murrell@outlook.com),

More details on page 14.

Lourens Grobler

Afri Orchids, South Africa

My 10 Favorite African Orchids

March 1st

IN PERSON and via Zoom

Lourens has been growing orchids since he was 10 years old and now co-owns Afri Orchids, a nursery that for 40 years has specialized in species from around the world.

The collection includes approximately 4,000 species. Lourens is the co-author of the *Field Guide to the Orchids of Northern South Africa and Swaziland*.

He is an accredited South African Orchid Council Judge and chaired the judging committee at the 21st World Orchid Conference.



POE 2022 is happening!

Details on pages 6-13

From the President

Now is the time!

Are you ready for POE and spreading the news about it to your friends?

Depending on when you are reading this - you may be saying "why is he talking about a February event in March - this is the March 2022 newsletter" -

But reality is, we typically send out the newsletter around the 20th of the month ahead - so I am hoping you are reading it as it just comes to you - and POE 2022 may not have happened yet.

Discounted advance sale tickets are available on Eventbrite: [Orchid Masquerade - POE 2022 will be our 69th Annual show, taking place February 25-27 including a Preview Night on Thursday February 24th.](#)

We are still looking for volunteers to help out during the show - the signup page is at: <https://signup.com/go/NbNfcgC>

There is a lot of information in this issue about the details of show.

It's our big event of the year - so do not miss it - and now with the online sale and auction, there are even more ways to get involved.

It's been a crazy time for everyone - but the pandemic seems to be in place right now allowing us to have POE despite the wildest up and down of issues.

And similarly we will have Lourens Grobler from Afri-Orchids in South Africa here in person BOTH at POE AND as our guest speaker on March 1st.

Hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to seeing you soon!

-Jeff



In-person meetings at the Hall of Flowers

We welcome *vaccinated* members back to in-person meetings at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

To protect one another, please be prudent: wear your mask, and stay away if you're feeling ill.

Please bring your plants for the in-person Show and Tell!

Please do keep an eye on your email for updates. We hope very much to see everyone in person, but if local circumstances change we may need to return to exclusively virtual meetings.

Tips for the Virtual Meeting on Zoom

We will still be holding Zoom versions of our meetings to maintain access for unvaccinated members, and for those who have preferred the virtual format.

PLEASE RSVP for the Zoom meeting via our website (www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) or via the Google Calendar invitation. Everyone is encouraged to either use the weblink or download the Zoom app ahead of the meeting to be able to better see and share the video content.

For the virtual show and tell send pics ahead of time to share - send up to 3 show and tell pics by email to Lynne Murrell (lynne.murrell@outlook.com) by **no later than the day before the meeting**, though sooner is of course better to give her more time to prepare!

The link to join the meeting is: <https://zoom.us/j/2093634933>

Zoom password: SFOS2022.

The following devices all will work: Desktop computer, PC or Mac, Tablets, Cell Phones. If the device has a camera and a microphone you can use it.

Sometimes your PC may not have a microphone and in that case you can still use the computer and monitor and call in on the phone with the phone number - but make sure to turn off the computer speakers to avoid static feedback.

On Instagram?

Share your IG handles here to be tagged on show and tell photos posted on IG

Upcoming: POE Feb. 24-27, 2022

YES - Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) 2022 is happening! - all remains on schedule - full steam ahead

Tickets On Sale Now!

Volunteers still needed!

See pages 6-13 for more info and to volunteer!

Opportunity Table

In addition to plants (provided this month by Afri Orchids) for the in-person attendees, we will provide gift certificates from Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) every month in 2022 that will be open to all participants *both online and in person*. At the end of the meeting if you want to be included in the drawing.

We are committing to this extra investment to better incentivize both online and in-person attendance in 2022.



Pleurothallis restrepioides,
Debra Vails-Qualters



Cattleya amethystoglossa,
Susan Anderson

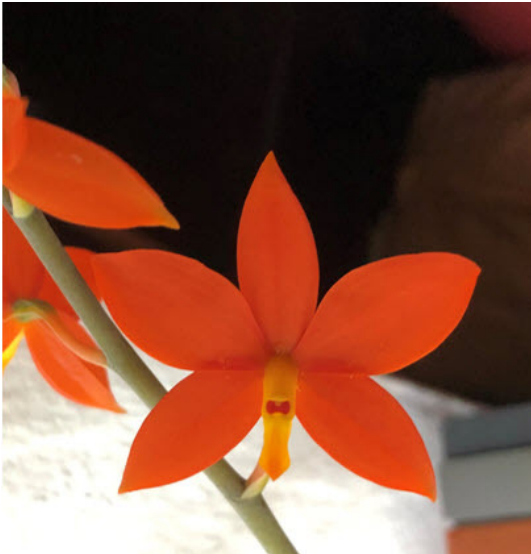


Cymbidium PELORIC Cherry Shower
'Not Peace', **Lynne Murrell**

Monthly Show & Tell Highlights Members pictures of their blooming plants & growspaces



Stenorhynchos speciosum,
Roberta Fox



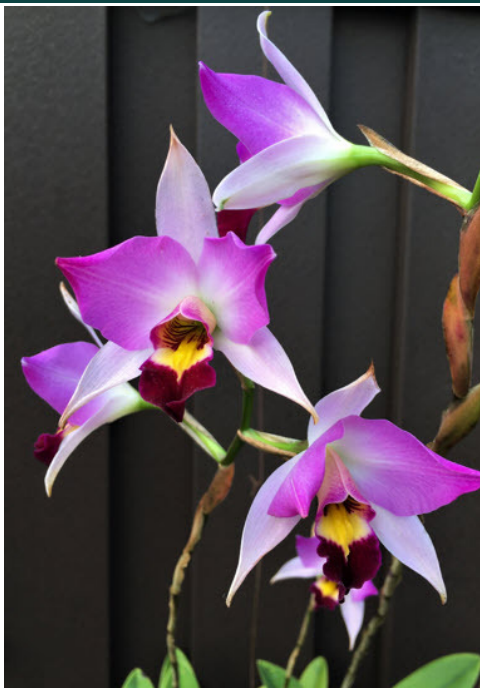
Prosthechea vitellina
Kay Klumb



Masdevallia Falcon Sunrise 'Scarlet',
Judy & Steve Lipson



Vuylstekeara Jerry Lawless,
Tyler Albrecht

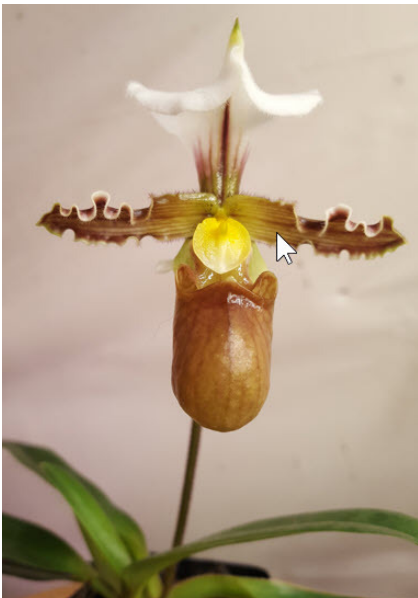


Laelia anceps,
Dave Hermeyer



Laelia furfuracea ,
Jeff Harris

Monthly Show & Tell Highlights *Members pictures of their blooming plants & growspaces*



Paphiopedilum tranlienianum,
Tom Merics



Paphiopedilum fairrieianum,
Tyler Albrecht



Paphiopedilum villosum,
Kay Klumb

How to help:

Display plants needed!

The SFOS exhibit for POE 2022 will be a table display in the Auditorium. We are asking you to participate by contributing your lovely groomed and blooming plants to make it a truly spectacular effort! (contact us at: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org)

Volunteers wanted!

Many openings available - it is not too late to sign up!

To successfully produce POE it requires over 375 volunteer shift positions to be filled over the course of the show's setup, event, and take down.

The show can not happen without your active participation.

Bring family and friends & make it more fun.

There are a wide range of volunteer positions you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities - and if you have questions about what is involved - just ask ;-)



Orchid Masquerade

69th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition

The Pacific Orchid Exposition is one of the largest orchid shows in the United States.

Advance discounted tickets now on sale [here](#).

Preview Night will be Thursday February 24th from 6:00-9:30pm

Show & Sale will be February 25 - 27, 2022 (Friday through Sunday from 10am - 5pm)

Venue: County Fair Building, 1199 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco - in Golden Gate Park

The Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) is hosted by the San Francisco Orchid Society, a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to promote orchid education to its members and to the public.

The show began in the 1950's as part of the "Annual Banquet of the San Francisco Orchid Society," typically held at a hotel or restaurant for society members rather than the public per se. Members brought their finest specimen plants in bloom for a display that was judged by representatives from the Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC).

Decades later the show became open to the public and later included specialty nurseries with plants for sale. The show was initially held in the "Hall of Flowers" in the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park, and moved to Fort Mason until 2016, after which the event returned to the Hall of Flowers.

2022 EXHIBITOR CLASSES AND AWARDS

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

All rules described below will be strictly enforced in the interests of this show and fairness to its participants. Please review the following carefully:

For AOS judging, specific entry forms must be completed and left with the AOS clerks. Since this is an AOS-sanctioned show, all plants exhibited may be considered for AOS awards unless "NO AOS JUDGING" is written on the entry card or on the display. Plants may not be judged at a later date on the same inflorescence.

Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in competition. The exhibitor is responsible for removing the bottom portion of the entry card and submitting it to the plant entry desk. If the bottom part of the entry card is NOT given to the plant entry desk, the plant will NOT be judged in competition. Simply placing an entry card on the plant alone is not sufficient. No more than three (3) plants can be entered in a single Class by any exhibitor.

Plants entered in show judging must have been cared for directly by the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Judges may decline to consider a plant if ownership is questioned. Plants incorrectly labeled or entered may be eliminated. To be considered as a specimen, an entry must be one clone, with all growths still connected by an intact rhizome (one individual plant). If a pot or mount contains more than one individual plant, which individual is entered for ribbon judging must be clearly indicated. If a plant is found to be infected or infested, it will be disqualified and isolated, and its exhibitor will be asked to remove it from the show.

Exhibitors will be issued badges and must wear them during take down on Sunday. All plants and items exhibited must remain on display throughout the show. Removal cannot begin until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Only those with vendor or exhibitor badges will be permitted in the exhibit area after closing on Sunday to break down their exhibits and remove their plants.

The SFOS will provide 24-hour security guard services for the duration of the show. Every effort will be made to safeguard all items entered. However, exhibitors assume all risk and liability for their property.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITORS

NOVICE: An exhibitor who has won no more than six (6) trophies/awards (other than ribbons) at any AOS-sanctioned orchid show.

ADVANCED: An exhibitor who has won seven (7) or more trophies/awards (other than ribbons) and is not a commercial exhibitor

You can sign up online [here](#) or by email:

info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

Plus...If you volunteer for a shift (or hopefully two or more) you receive:

- **Free admission** to the event day of your choice (Fri-Sun)
- And a **free lunch**.

Member plant sales:

Do you have plants you want to sell at POE 2022?

All SFOS members in good standing can participate.

We do not resell plants that people have purchased from nurseries to re-sell.

Plants are grown by amateurs and SFOS members.

Given space limitations we ask individual sellers to check before bringing more than 75 plants at one time; but if there is enough room or over the days of the show, restocking is permitted and encouraged.

Sellers must work at least 3 hours at a time that works for the sales area selling everyone's plants - not everyone can come in to work at once for obvious reasons. Owners cannot drop off plants and leave. They must wait until their plants are checked in by a sales volunteer - we check for health

and for accuracy on the inventory sheet.

Ideally you should email an Excel file or Google Sheet with this information to Jeff ahead of time so we can better assist you with tracking your inventory and sales.

Inventory sheets must have your contact info (NAME AND ADDRESS, email, cell phone), plus use a 3-letter code and a number (like JMH-01) plus the price you want us to sell it at (of which you will get 75%, and SFOS the other 25%, and we will collect sales tax and handle the tax payments for you).

Drop off/check in can be arranged on Wednesday or Thursday -

Each plant must be securely labeled with your name and your 3-letter code plus selling price.

as defined below.

COMMERCIAL/OPEN: Includes any of the following:

1. An exhibitor who is operating a vendor sales booth at the Pacific Orchid Exposition.
2. An exhibitor who grows and/or sells orchid plants or flowers as a business and earns over 50% of his/her income from such sales.
3. An exhibitor who buys space to sell orchid plants or flowers at more than two orchid events, shows, sales, benefits, farmers' markets, etc., in the 12 months prior to the date of this show. This does not include sales at orchid society monthly meetings.
4. A commercial grower is one who may be required to have a California Nursery License even if such a license has not been issued.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

CATEGORIES are the skill levels for registration: Novice, Advanced, and Commercial/Open

SECTIONS are the main alliances or group of orchids, and are signified with a number (Section 100 for Cattleya Alliance, Section 400 for Oncidium Alliance, etc.)

CLASSES are subdivisions within Sections, and are signified with a number (e.g. Class 103 for Cattleya Alliance: Red, Yellow, and Orange hybrids; Class 402 for Oncidium Alliance: Odontoglossum species, etc.)

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES: Many orchid species have been reclassified in recent years. Please use the current classification when selecting the section and class for your entry. You may use [the World Checklist of Selected Plant Families](#) to determine the current genus classification.

A plant may be entered in only one Class in Sections 100 through 900. Plants entered in Sections 100 through 900 may also be entered in Sections 1000, 1100 and/or 1200. A separate entry card must be filled out for each section entered. An exhibitor may enter no more than three (3) plants per Class. Plants entered in the incorrect Class may be disqualified from judging. Questions should be directed to the clerks at the plant entry table.

SECTION 100. CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

101. Cattleya alliance species with flowers 3" (7.5cm) or less (Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola, Rhyncholaelia, Sophronitis, Dinema, Epidendrum, Encyclia, Prostechea, Broughtonia, Barkeria, Leptotes, Schomburgkia)

102. Cattleya alliance species with flowers greater than 3" (7.5cm)



- 103. Cattleya alliance hybrids – Blue/Amethyst/Purple/Lavender/Pink
- 104. Cattleya alliance hybrids – Green/Bronze/Yellow/Orange
- 105. Cattleya alliance hybrids – Red/Red Shades
- 106. Cattleya alliance hybrids – White/Semi-Alba
- 107. Cattleya alliance hybrids – Splash Petal/Tri-Color/Spots

SECTION 200. CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE

- 201. Paphiopedilum species
- 202. Phragmipedium, Cypripedium, Selenipedium, and Mexipedium species
- 203. Phragmipedium, Cypripedium, Selenipedium, and Mexipedium hybrids
- 204. Paphiopedilum hybrids - vinicolor, Maudiae, multifloral, successively blooming
- 205. Paphiopedilum hybrids – Standard/Complex – all colors

SECTION 300. PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

- 301. Species – Phalaenopsis, Doritis, and Kingiella
- 302. Hybrids – small flowered (2"/5cm or less), all colors
- 303. Hybrids – large flowered (greater than 2"/5cm), all colors
- 304. Hybrids - peloric and harlequin varieties

SECTION 400. ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

- 401. Oncidium and Gomesa species and Hybrids
- 402. Brassia species and hybrids, including Ada, Brassidium, Brassosteale
- 403. Miltonia/Miltoniopsis species and hybrids, including Odontonia, Burrageara, Vuylstekeara, and Miltonidium
- 404. Odontoglossum and Odontioda species and hybrids
All other species and hybrids

SECTION 500. CYMBIDIUM ALLIANCE

- 501. Asian species – Jensoa section - ensifolium, forrestii, goeringii, kanran, sinense

POE vendors:

- Afri Orchids*
- Botanico*
- Bromeliad Society of San Francisco (BSSF)*
- Cal-Orchid*
- CCSF Environmental*
- Horticulture/Floristry*
- D&D Flowers*
- Ecuagenera*
- Gardeneur*
- Gold Country Orchids*
- High Desert Orchids*
- Orquideas Amazonicas*
- Orchids and Gardens*
- Orchid Design*
- Orchids of Los Osos*
- Paph Paradise*
- Seed Engei*
- Sunset Valley Orchids*
- T&T Orchids*
- Ten Shin Orchids*
- TROPICAL**

Health and safety:

Note that COVID-19 precautions will be in place:

ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED to SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION INCLUDING BOOSTER PER CURRENT SF DPH ORDINANCE, to WEAR A MASK, as well as ADHERE TO OTHER HYGIENE MEASURES - HAND SANITATION, SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND AVOID ATTENDING IF HIGH RISK

PLANT AWARDS

RIBBONS

First, Second, and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in all Classes for which there are entries, at the discretion of the judges. Judges may withhold ribbons if, in their opinion, no suitable material is exhibited. Trophies and Rosettes will be awarded to the winning Novice, Advanced, and Commercial/Open exhibitors for 'Best of Section by Skill Level'. Trophies and Rosettes for overall "Best of Section" will be awarded to winners selected from all the First Place ribbons awarded in that Section, at the discretion of the judges. Winner of "Best in Show" will be selected from all overall "Best of Section" Trophy winners, at the discretion of the judges. Plants must be registered in the show in order to be eligible for any awards.

TROPHIES

1. Best Plant in Show - \$250 [Selected from skill level winners only, 'Best of Sections 100 through 900']
2. Best Species in Show - \$150 [Selected from any Blue Ribbon/First Place winner]
3. Best Specimen Plant in Show - \$150 [Selected from all skill levels]
4. Best Miniature Plant in Show - \$150- under 8" (excluding inflorescence) [Selected from all

502. All other Cymbidium species
503. Small flowered hybrids (2.5"/5cm or less) – pendulous inflorescence, all colors
504. Small flowered hybrids (2.5"/6cm or less) – upright inflorescence, all colors
505. Large flowered hybrids (larger than 2.5"/5cm) - pendulous inflorescence, all colors
506. Large flowered hybrids (larger than 2.5"/5cm) - upright inflorescence, all colors
507. Hybrids (all sizes) with peloric or novelty flowers
508. Other Cymbidium Allied Genera, species and hybrids - Ansellia, Cymbidiella, Eriopsis, Eulophia, Eulophiella, Grammangis, Grammatophyllum, Thecopus, Thecostele

(Section 600 eliminated)

SECTION 700. PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

701. Masdevallia species
702. Masdevallia intrageneric hybrids
703. Dracula species and intrageneric hybrids
704. Masdevallia and Dracula intergeneric hybrids – Dracuvallia, Porracula, Porrovalia
705. Restrepia species and hybrids
706. All other Pleurothallid species and hybrids

SECTION 800. DENDROBIUM

801. Species and hybrids – breviflores (bicameratum, bifurcatum, dantaniense, farinatum, hercoglossum, linguella, scoriarum, thinhii, trantuanii)
802. Species and hybrids – callista (aggregatum, densiflorum, farmeri, griffithianum, jenkinsii, thyrsoflorum)Nobile-type species and hybrids
803. Species and hybrids – dendrobium (anosmum, aphyllum, bensoniae, crepidatum, crysanthum, devonianum, fimbriatum, findlayanum, gibsonii, loddigesii, moniliforme, moschatum, parishii, pendulum, primulinum, pulchellum, senile, tortile, unicum)Oxyglossum section species and hybrids



804. Species and hybrids – dendrocoryne (Australian types such as delicatum, gracilicaule, kingianum, speciosum, tetragonum) Latouria section species and hybrids

805. Species and hybrids – formosae/nigrohirsute (bellatulum, draconis, formosum, lowii) Australian species and hybrids not included in Class 801

806. Species and hybrids– latouria (aberrans, alexandrae, amphigenium, atroviolaceum, bifalce, biloculare, convolutum, cruttwellii, dendrocolloides, engae, euryanthum, eximium, finisterrae, forbesii, johnsoniae, kauldorumii, macrophyllum, mayandyi, otaguroanum, polysema, punamense, rhodostictum, rigidifolium, shiraishii, spectabile, tapiniense, terrestre, woodsia) All other species

807. Species and hybrids – nobile (amethystoglossum, nobile, victoriae-reginae)

808. Species and hybrids – calyptrtrochylus (brevicaule, cuthbertsoni, cyanocentrum, delicatulum, hellwigianum, laevifolium, pentapterum, prasinum, subacuale, subuliferum, vexillarius, violaceum)

809. Species and hybrids – pedilonum (Bottle brush types such as bracteosum, dichaeoides, smillieae)

810. Species and hybrids – phalaenanthe (affine, biggibum, phalaenopsis, williamsianum)

811. Species and hybrids – spatulata (Antelope type such as antennatum, canaliculatum, gouldii, lineale)

812. All other species and hybrids, and allied genera species and hybrids and intergeneric hybrids other than above; e.g., Cadetia, Dockrillia, and Flickingeria

SECTION 900. MISCELLANEOUS GENERA

901. Angraecum and related species and hybrids

902. Aerangis, Aeranthes, Aerides, Arachnis, Renanthera, Rhynchostylis, Vandachosylis species and hybrids

903. Vanda species - Includes Ascocenda, Christensonia, Neofinetia, Vandopsis

904. Vanda hybrids

905. Lycaste, Lysudamuloa, and Anguloa, species and hybrids

906. Maxillaria and Maxillariella species and hybrids

907. Zygopetalum and allied genera species and hybrids – Cochleanthes, Galeopetalum, Promenaea, Propetalum, Tsubotaara, Warczewiczella, Zygoneria

skill levels]

5. Imperiale Youth Prize - Best culture of a plant grown by a youth exhibitor (ages 17 and under) [Best of Section 1200]
6. Best Cattleya Alliance in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 100']
7. Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 200']
8. Best Phalaenopsis Alliance in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 300']
9. Best Oncidium Alliance in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 400']
10. Best Cymbidium in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 500']
11. Best Pleurothallid Alliance in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 700']
12. Best Dendrobium in Show [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 800']
13. Best Miscellaneous Genera [Selected from skill level winners, 'Best of Section 900']

by Skill Level

Best Cattleya Alliance by Novice Exhibitor (Section 100)

Best Cattleya Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 100)

Best Cattleya Alliance by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 100)

Best Cypripedium Alliance by Novice Exhibitor (Section 200)

Best Cypripedium Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 200)

Best Cypripedium Alliance by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 200)

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance Novice Exhibitor (Section 300)

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance by Advanced

Exhibitor (Section 300)

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 300)

Best Oncidium Alliance by Novice Exhibitor (Section 400)

Best Oncidium Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 400)

Best Oncidium Alliance by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 400)

Best Cymbidium by Novice Exhibitor (Section 500)

Best Cymbidium by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 500)

Best Cymbidium by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 500)

Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Novice Exhibitor (Section 700)

Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 700)

Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 700)

Best Dendrobium by Novice Exhibitor (Section 800)

Best Dendrobium by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 800)

Best Dendrobium by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 800)

908. All Other Maxillaria Alliance species and hybrids – Bifrenaria, Xlyobium, Pescatoria, Bollea, Chondrorhyncha, Huntleya

909. Dendrochilum species and hybrids

910. Bulbophyllum, Cirrhopetalum, Megaclinium species and hybrids

911. Catasetum, Clowesia, Cycnoches, Fredclarkera, Monnierara, Mormodes species and hybrids

912. Coelogyne species and hybrids; including Pholidota, Pleione, and Thunia

913. Jewel Orchid species and hybrids in flower- includes Anoectochilus, Cystorchis, Dossinia, Dossinochilus, Goodyera, Haemaria, Hetaeria, Ludisia, Ludochilus, Macodes, Macodyera

914. Terrestrials not covered elsewhere in flower - Bletia, Bletilla, Calanthe, Disa, Epipactis, Eulophia, Habenaria, Phaius, Sarcoglottis, Sobralia, Spathoglottis, Spiranthes, Stenorrhynchus

915. Any species or hybrid not found elsewhere

SECTION 1000. ORCHIDS SHOWN FOR FOLIAGE

1001. Foliage on any non-blooming orchid from any genus

SECTION 1100. NON-GREENHOUSE GROWN PLANTS (NOVICE and ADVANCED ONLY)

1101. Plants grown indoors (natural or artificial light)

1102. Plants grown outdoors (Cymbidiums excluded)

SECTION 1200. YOUTH EXHIBITOR CULTURAL AWARD

1201. Plants grown by exhibitors age 17 and under



SFOS Member Plant Pre-Sale:

[Shop the pre-sale here](#)

Our members grow a wonderful variety of orchids that are available for sale at POE, and now you can buy some of them online for a limited time (from Feb 12 - 19, 2022) and pick them up (Feb 24-27) at the live event - note that you must arrange to attend the event on your selected pickup day. This means buying a ticket or volunteering your time to help out on your selected pickup day.

Pre-POE Auction Fundraiser:

[View items and place your bids here](#)

Our auction fundraiser is your opportunity to bid on many unique items and experiences. This year for the first time we are having an online Pre-POE Auction (starting Feb 12, 2022 8am through the event dates Feb 24-27) and have "Buy-it-now" options. By placing a winning bid, you are contributing to the San Francisco Orchid Society, a 501c non-profit organization - we rely on your support.

BID HIGH and BID OFTEN!

Auction sheets will still be available in person during the show dates Feb 24th-27th.

Best Miscellaneous Genera by Novice Exhibitor (Section 900)

Best Miscellaneous Genera by Advanced Exhibitor (Section 900)

Best Miscellaneous Genera by Commercial/Open Exhibitor (Section 900)

Best Orchid shown for Foliage (Section 1000)

Best Non-Greenhouse Grown Plant – Novice and Advanced ONLY (Section 1100)

Cultural Excellence

Five awards recognizing Cultural Excellence (Blue ribbon/First place not required) [receives POE Rosette]

EXHIBITS

1. American Orchid Society Show Trophy – to most outstanding orchid exhibit. [Awarded by AOS judges] [receives POE Rosette]
2. Orchid Digest Trophy - Best display by a non-commercial grower, demonstrating high flower quality and excellence of culture. Design, educational value and rarity of material are considered. [Awarded by AOS Judges] [receives POE Rosette]
3. Best Interpretation of Theme - \$500 [receives POE Rosette]
4. Best Exhibit by an Individual/Group or visiting Orchid Society:
 - a. 1st place - \$500 [receives POE Rosette]
 - b. 2nd place - \$250 [receives POE Rosette]
 - c. 3rd place - \$100 [receives POE Rosette]

AOS Corner, March 2022

I rang in the New Year with a resolution to kill fewer Orchids than I did in 2021 . UPDATE: I've tossed only 10 so far... plants which were languishing, with little likelihood of a strong spring recovery. I'm ruthlessly tossing the hangers-on, and it has the satisfying feeling of spring housecleaning.

The **FREE** twice-monthly Greenhouse Chat Webinars with Ron McHatton, are a superb opportunity to get expert culture advice:

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	February 15, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 23, 2022 8:30pm EST Wednesday	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	A Guide to Modern LED Lighting How to set up an indoor grow area	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

Above times are EST! Go to the AOS website to register for FREE, so AOS can send you the link to attend.

FOUR MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS are Now Available:

Please bring a mask, and respect Social Distancing.

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly –

- The 1st Tuesday of each month, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.
- AND the 3rd Saturday of each month at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. Questions? Contact James Heilig heiligja@msu.edu

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly –

- The next judging is Sunday February 20 at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln CA; Plant entry at 8am; judging starts at 8:30am. Undecided whether Oddfellows Hall in Sacramento will be open for regular monthly judging on Wed evening 3/2; if not we will have judging Sunday March 6 at Dueling Dogs. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Get ready to enjoy the Spring 2022 Shows, as many Bay Area Orchid Societies return to their annual Shows and Sales events!

Shows, Plant Sales and other Events

- The 2022 Pacific Orchid Expo, February 25-27 at County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 1199 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco
- The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show March 11-13 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
- Sonoma County Orchid Show & Sale, March 26 & 27, at Santa Rosa Veteran's Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
- The American Orchid Society Centennial Celebration will be held April 6 thru 9, at the Biltmore in Coral Gables
- California Orchids Spring Sale, April 16, 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas.

(Check websites for further information)

Until we meet again, hopefully SOON, stay healthy, and Happy Growing.

=Lynne Murrell
AOS Representative

Outreach events: SFOS orchid display at Filoli



Thanks to Lynne Murrell, Tom Perlite, Gary Barg, Susan Anderson, Tom Pickford, Bob Hamilton, John Leathers, and everyone else from SFOS volunteering to help with our display.

SFOS Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2022

Attendees: Jeff Harris, Cori Majewski, Alie Fishman, Faye Rabino, Dave Hermeyer, Hana Hardy, Geoff Harris, Yujin Kim, Heidi Arno, Adam Farrar, John Rushworth, Ron Norris, Bill Weaver, Andrea Laudate, Lisa Perla, Diane Ward, Karen Olson, Kay Klumb and Mishi Nova.

Zoom Board meeting called to order: (8:26 pm)

President's update: Jeff

Nomination Committee Members (Ron Norris, Valerie Mountain and George McRae) proposed a slate for the Board elections to take place on May 3, 2022 - and these were communicated at the Feb 1st meeting to the membership in accordance with our By-Laws. Copy of the info on the slide presented is attached at the bottom of these minutes to be published in the newsletters up until the elections. Anyone else interested in being an officer, chairperson or Board member is encouraged to let Ron Norris know.

Treasurer's report: Faye

- January 2022 finance report review (Faye)
 - Alie moved to approve the finance report. Geoff seconds.

VP's update: Cori

Programming Updates:

- Our Filoli 2022 orchid display takedown was today; well attended by the public; SFOS had ~8 volunteers that were docents from 11a-2pm on Sat/Sun 1/29-30 and 2/5-6.
- Mar 1 - Lourens Grobler; My 10 Favorite African Orchids & Opp table (shared speaker with Sacramento)
- Apr 5 - TBD
- May - Jason Fischer - "Native Orchids of Japan"
- June - TJ Hartung "History of Vanilla"
- July - Carol Holdren "10 Orchids You Should Own!"
- August - Linda Wilhelm "Oncidium Intergenerics"
- September - Gary Yong Gee "Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids of South-east Queensland"
- Nov 1 - Fred Clarke - topic TBD (shared speaker with Sacramento)
- Skills Sessions, Events and Plant opportunity tables & gift certificates; enough online gift certificates now purchased to provide 5 per month (4 online and one for in person attendees) for all of 2022 from Fred Clarke (SVO).

Membership update: Heidi

Welcomed 6 new members this past month: Kirsten Wisner, Sarah Qadri, Dean Kelch, Cassandra Adams & John LeBourgeois

Feb 1st meeting attendance (~25 people attended the in-person meeting (not counting the AOS judges) and another ~40 on Zoom);

Newsletter editor update: Yujin

All content due by the 15th of each month. Send to yujin@orchidsanfrancisco.org

Old Business:

1. [Book donations to Jis Sebastian](#) - book drive started - Mary Gerritsen collecting - planning to donate some redundant older items from our SFOS library collection - want to discuss/approve the planned shipping costs (initial estimate was up to ~US\$700; confirming interest in the books included in shipments and looking into other ways to minimize the costs). Board discussion raised some questions about exact use of these books and relative costs to SFOS for this effort versus competing options, and asked for some follow up diligence from Mary/Jis on where these books would be physically located and who would have access, as well as clarity on why less potentially expensive shipping alternatives (like USPS book/cargo rate shipping) is not being used as opposed to DHL (which Mary has had good experience with for other book shipments between India and US/UK). (Post meeting note - Mary is trying to find individual donors to support the shipment.)
2. POE 2022 SHOW COMMITTEE next meeting - tonight - combined with this meeting

New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: Monday March 7th at 7pm by Zoom Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Nominating committee has assembled the following slate for the 2022 elections:

President	Jeff Harris	Confirmed
VP (President Elect)	Henry Bell	Confirmed
CFO	Faye Rabino	Confirmed
Secretary	Alison Fishman	Confirmed
Director	Hana Hardy	Confirmed
Director	Geoff Harris	Confirmed
Director	Stuart Menaker	Confirmed
Director (Treasurer Elect)	Adam Farrar	Confirmed

Non-Elected:

Past President	Dave Hermeyer	Confirmed
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The Membership chair, Show Chair, and Newsletter Editor are appointed positions, so not included in the election process. Either Valerie Mountain or Ron Norris (or both) will run the election at the May meeting.



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**JANUARY 22 AUCTION CANCELED
AND CURRENTLY POSTPONED TO MARCH 19, 2022**

Gold Coast had hoped to send off the New Year with our annual in-person Auction, but due to the increased presence of the Omicron variant, the Board made the decision to postpone it until March 19 but is currently investigating other options too. The photos of the plants will remain on our website and more entries can be accepted.

Orchid Virus Testing Kits!

Gold Coast Cymbidium Society has several boxes of 2-in-1 orchid virus test kits left that they are making available to POS members. Agitest 2-in-1 kits come in a box of 50 and costs \$ 185, tax included. These kits do not need to be refrigerated nor test strips cut in half for cost savings as commonly done with the kits of the other manufacturer.

Rumor is that the price is going up this year. These kits were purchased at the end of last year....

Who hasn't noticed inflation?

Carol Armendariz is director of ways and means and you can contact her for details on purchase and pickup arrangements: carolarmendariz@comcast.net

You can also inquire about other orchid supplies she sells, such as potting media, pots, fertilizer, labels,

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If you want help with this process we can assist you - email us at membership@orchidsanfrancisco.org

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**SFOS Membership
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\$1,000: SFOS Orchid Circle (includes everything in the Benefactor level as well as a donation towards SFOS conservation and education funds with a donation value of \$850)

**We can provide a donation acknowledgement letter in lieu of POE tickets. As a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, SFOS Memberships. Donations can be claimed as tax deductible, but please consult your tax professional.*

Join the OCA for an Orchids in the Wild Trip to the island of Sicily (Italy)

April 9 – April 20, 2022

Did you miss out on the Switzerland trip? Here is another chance for you to experience terrestrial Orchids in the Wild!

Itinerary and more detailed information can be found here.

There is no final price for the tour as yet. We are anticipating that it will be no more than \$6000, and as soon as we have that information we will update the pdf file.

However, if people want to reserve a place on the tour, they will need to contact Mary Gerritsen (see link above) and send their \$1000 deposit to the OCA (see link).

We hope you can join us!

Due to limitations in accommodations and transportation, the maximum number of tour participants is 12.

Our Contact Information

Orchid Conservation Alliance
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Dracula gigas (L), *D. triganopetala* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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Native Orchid Conference

NOC Symposium Registration now open!

We're pleased to report that registration for the 2022 Port Angeles, WA Symposium is now open. The planning process has resumed and most of the details remain unchanged. Last month Rick Burian visited the Olympic Peninsula (yes, it's still there) where he checked out the venue, tried the food we have planned and, oh yes, he saw lots of orchids.

You will recall that we are limited to 100 registrants. We have 54 "holdovers" so only 46 places remain. Don't miss the opportunity to visit one of our most spectacular national parks, reconnect with old friends (as well as make some new ones), and enjoy the special orchids of the Pacific Northwest.

Additional information and registration instructions can be found on our website: nativeorchidconference.org

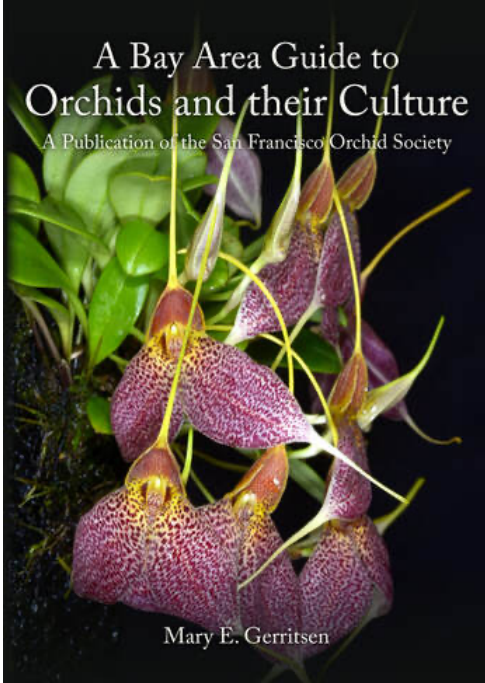


Western Coralroot
(*Corallorhiza mertensiana*)



Piperia elegans

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A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture

This richly illustrated book is tailored specially to the needs of the San Francisco Bay Area Orchid grower, offering detailed orchid culture information along with recommendations of orchids to grow indoors, in cool to warm-intermediate greenhouses or outdoors, with microclimate-specific suggestions for those choosing to grow outdoors.

Note that SFOS paid for the cost of printing and SFOS gets 100% of the profits.

Written by:
SFOS member Mary E. Gerritsen

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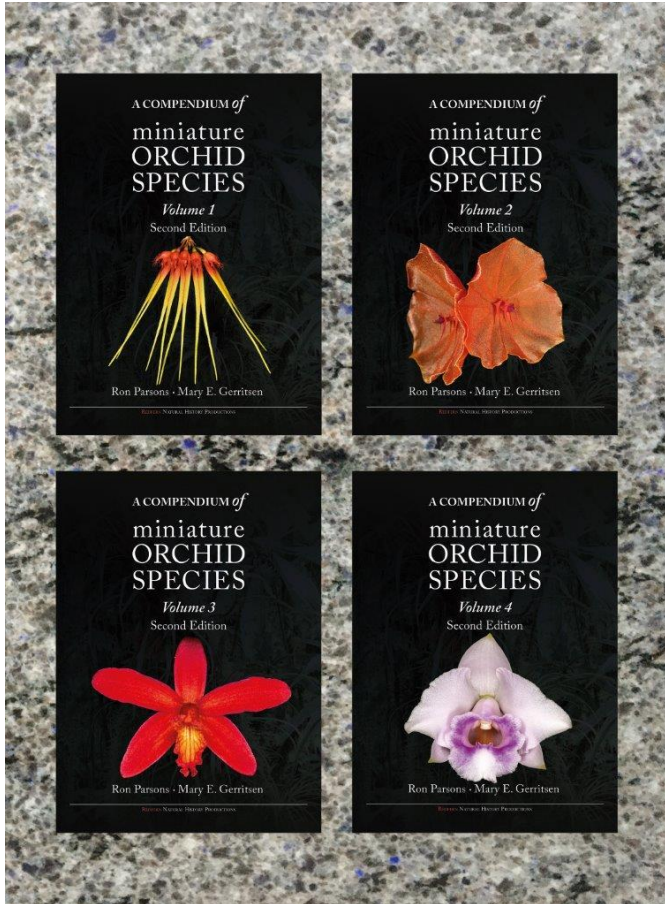
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