

Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2006
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

Special Holiday Meeting Potluck and Gift Exchange

December 2006

Our December meeting will be an informal event to celebrate the holidays. Please join us for a Potluck Dinner. The society will provide baked salmon fillets and a honey-baked ham. Disposable plates, utensils, napkins and cups will also be provided. Members with last names starting with:

A-I please bring side dishes
J-R please bring desserts
S-Z please bring salads

Following dinner will be the election of the 2007 Officers and Board of Directors. Most positions have nominations, but VP is still wide open. The VP coordinates our guest speakers and is an excellent opportunity to build your collection and gain orchid knowledge. After the elections, we will have a show and tell table, offering a chance to impress your growing friends with your flowering plants.

Finally, we will have a gift exchange raffle. Bring an orchid or an orchid-related item for the exchange table and get a raffle ticket. Bring several orchid related items and get several exchange tickets. This year we ask that you put your name on the items so that the recipient will know who to thank or ask for cultural requirements.

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Nominations for Officers

Nominations for officers are still open and will remain open until the December General Meeting, December 18th, 2006. A call for nominations or volunteers will be taken from the floor at that meeting. So far, the following members have been nominated:

President - Tanya Phillips
VP - available
Secretary - Maren Gleason
Treasurer - Dan Chiappone
Director - York Lee
Director - Terry Boomer
Director - Ray Gleason

Meeting Details

6:00 Set-up
6:30 Potluck Dinner
7:30 Election
7:40 Show & Tell
8:00 Gift Exchange

Raffle Table Volunteers
See Mary Lou Smith to Volunteer -
Pick your month before its taken!!

Calendar

February 9, 10 & 11, 2007

Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale!

One of the largest orchid shows in the country, the 27th Annual Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale, will be coming to the Orange County Fair & Expo Center in Costa Mesa (ocfair.com) on February 9, 10 & 11, 2007. Show hours are from 10AM to 6PM. In addition to frequent orchid lectures and hands on workshops, there will be over 100 orchid: flower, art and photographic exhibits and thousands of orchids available for purchase from scores of growers from around the world. Admission is only \$4 and general parking is free. Fascination of Orchids, a non profit organization, sponsors the Show with support from numerous Southland orchid societies. Proceeds from the Show are used to support educational programs at a variety of organizations. More information can be obtained at ocorchidshow.com or by calling 949-293-3095

Upcoming Speakers

January 2007

George Hatfield of Ventura, California "Cymbidiums, past, present and future"

February 2007

Omar Rocha from Mexico City "The Laelias of Mexico"

February 15-18, 2007

55th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition

Join us at one of the most wonderful shows in the country, the San Francisco Orchid Society's Pacific Orchid Exposition is a must see for one and all, February 15-18, 2007 at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion. The 2007 show and plant sale will capture orchid lovers, gardeners and aesthetes, as more than 100,000 orchids in every color, shape and size are showcased and sold.

Gala Benefit Preview, Thursday, February 15, 2007, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Tours rates available)

Saturday, February 17, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cost:

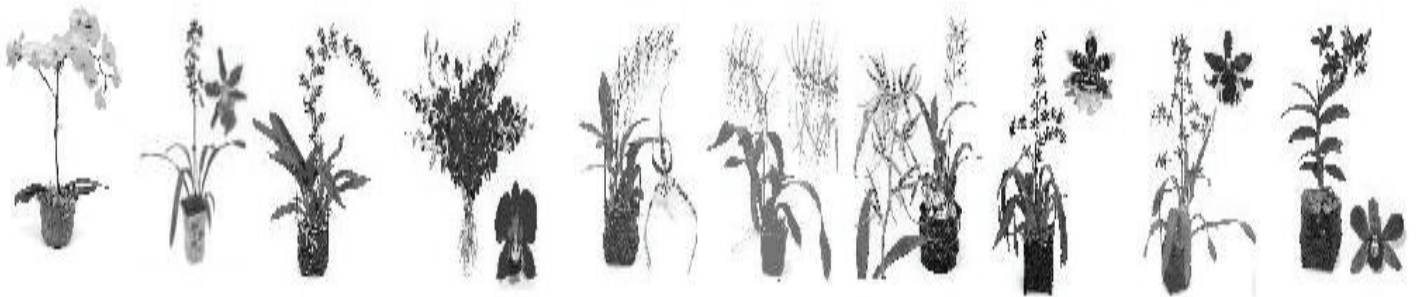
Preview Night: \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door
General Admission: \$12.00, seniors (65+), disabled: \$8.00

Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult, except at the Gala Benefit Preview

Info: Call 415.665.2468 or visit
www.orchidsanfrancisco

Need more? See the AOS Calendar online at:

<http://orchidweb.org/aos/events/shows.aspx>



Membership Announcement

Membership Fees for 2007 are due next month, and there are exciting changes in store!

Help us get a head start by filling out your renewal form and bringing it with you to our December "Holiday Party" Meeting. General Membership is still only \$20 per household! With no increase in membership fees, we need to save money wherever we can. One way we can do that is by cutting down on printing and postage costs.

While we realize some of you may not use e-mail yet, most do. This year we are initiating e-mail delivery of the newsletter. It will now be published on the society's website as soon as it is completed at www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com. We will send a brief reminder and link via e-mail to notify you when it has been posted.

Not only will this save our society money, it will also speed delivery of the newsletter to our members - in some cases up to a full week. In addition, when two or more members share the same household, we can easily send each member their own newsletter link at no additional cost. Another advantage is that while the printed version of the newsletter is only black and white, online we can include relevant photos in full color, as well as live links to supporting documents and related reading materials.

Please be so kind as to include your e-mail address(es) and newsletter delivery preference on the membership renewal form. Feel free to list multiple e-mail addresses for households with more than one member.

Remember, this is our best chance to get our membership database up to date, locate errors, and make changes. It is also the only evidence we have that you paid your dues since all monies are given to the treasurer immediately.

John Ochsenfeld & James Cochran
Membership Chair People



AOS Awards

**Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, November 6, 2006**

**Pacific Central Supplemental Center
Oakland, November 20, 2006**

**Cattleya warscewiczii var. semi-alba
'Augusta Victoria'
species
HCC 79
Exhibited by S. Christofferson**

No Awards



For more information and pictures please
visit the Pacific Judging web site:
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

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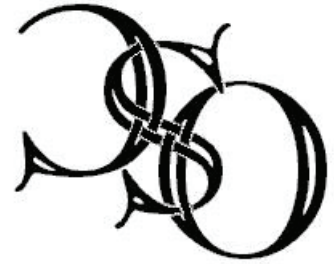
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