



San Francisco Orchid Society

For over 65 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.

Stay Safe. Go Virtual.

A message from the President

Jeff Harris

This seems to be the mantra for everything these days, including SFOS.

Our first virtual general members' meeting via Zoom on April 7th was a success. We had about 35 people in attendance despite some last minute technical issues with a new password requirement to access the meeting by Zoom. For those who did not attend I recorded it and posted it on our relatively new YouTube Channel (thanks John for setting that up!):

Here's the URL link:

SFOS YouTube channel: (<https://youtu.be/jeuNiHAL-3Q>)

We had a very interactive Show & Tell session in which some people presented live online, but most sent me their pictures or short video clips ahead of time and then they could narrate and do a brief Q&A. We even had a virtual "Opportunity Table" where we raffled off 10 vouchers worth \$20 at provided by Chris Mende and Tony Wells from *The Tiny Jungle* and *Let's Talk Plants* – please support them directly: at:

<https://www.ebay.com/usr/letstalkplants>

Our next meeting on May 5th will be starting again at 7:00pm and likely ending by ~8:30pm. The agenda will follow the same format as in April, but we will conduct our annual elections.

Election of Officers and Board Members - the slate was posted last month in the newsletter (and is in this one as well), on the website and at the last meeting, and an option for absentee voting is available by email at:

(election@orchidsanfrancisco.org) until Monday May 4 for people unable to attend the May 5 meeting live on Zoom. Live elections will be conducted at the meeting right after the opening announcements, and results including absentee ballots will be tallied and reported by Ron Norris.

Contact Jeff Harris (president@orchidsanfrancisco.org) for general questions or content submissions for the meeting.

Please check for updates on the homepage of our website:

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

You will be able enter the member meeting at 7pm on a computer, phone or other device using the following information: Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this web link and password: <https://zoom.us/j/2093634933>

Password: 665944

Or dial in by phone using one of the following #s and this Meeting ID:

209 363 4933

+1 669 900 6833

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Stay well, take care and share your orchid pictures!

Jeff Harris

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Next Meeting:

There will be NO in-person meeting on May 5th, 2020.

AOS regional judging is on hold until further notice.

There will be a virtual meeting through 'Zoom'.

Please find details and ways to participate/join on the bottom of this page and Page 2.



Tips for the upcoming Virtual Meeting

For those who are unfamiliar with Zoom, it is a new video chat application. You can download it ahead of time or just follow the link below. You can try to login ahead of time to try it out. There will be no active chatroom, but you can test to make sure everything is working ahead of time.

Rather than just calling in, 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.

We will ask people to do “show and tell” - so plan to have either your plants nearby to share live pics or take pics ahead of time to share.

<https://zoom.us>



Phragmipedium caudatum



Phalaenopsis equestris fma. orange

Or the specific meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2093634933>

The following devices all will work: Desktop computer, PC or Mac, Tablets, Cell Phones, and even flip phones will work if you just call the phone number. 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. If you do this make sure to turn off the computer speakers to avoid feedback.

Raffle

We plan to raffle off some plants to attendees, so please join the meeting to be eligible to win.



Phalaenopsis doweryensis x wilsonii

Have you joined SFOS's MemberPlanet Community?

Memberplanet helps us better maintain our membership roster and gives you complete control over your personal information. Even if you are a Lifetime Member, we would like you to sign up.

Joining also provides a very convenient online process to pay your annual dues. If you have not paid for 2019, we urge you to please take the time and do so.

Join Member Planet

If you want help with this process we can assist you at the membership desk.

If you cannot use the online process, then please go ahead and mail a check with your contact information to:

SFOS Membership
PO Box 27145
SF, CA 94127-0145

Annual Dues

\$25: Standard Membership (includes email newsletters)

\$40: Household membership (2 or more people, includes email newsletters)

\$75: Supporting Membership (includes two 2020 POE weekend passes plus email newsletters)

\$150: SFOS Patron Membership (includes four 2020 POE weekend passes, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture)

\$500: SFOS Benefactor Membership (includes four 2020 POE Gala OR weekend, and mention in one of the newsletters, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture)

\$1,000: SFOS Orchid Circle (includes your name included in one of the newsletters, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture. Plus, a one-time donation of one third of the amount to the Orchid Conservation Alliance towards purchase of orchid preserve land.)



General Meeting Plant Sales

By attending the general monthly meetings, not only do get to hear great speakers, but you also have an opportunity to purchase some wonderful plants from SFOS members. Did you know that one of the many benefits of membership is that you may also sell your plants 100% commission free at the meetings?



Wear Your Name Badge

When you pick up your name tag from the membership table at our meetings you will get a special raffle ticket for a chance to pick up an early selection from the plant opportunity table. What's not to love about that!

During the active Shelter-In-Place and while future in-person meetings of the SFOS are suspended, we will do a virtual Show & Tell each month.

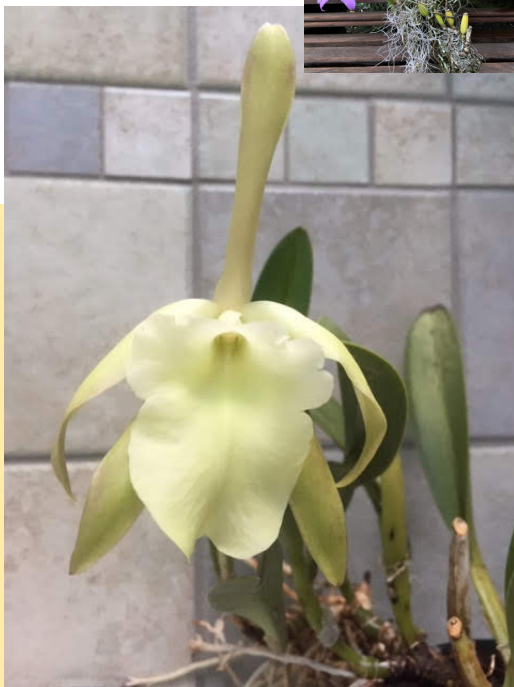
If you would like to participate you may either present your blooming plants or growspaces live online or send pictures/videos ahead of time and then can narrate and maybe a brief Q&A.

April Show & Tell Table

Members took pictures of their in-bloom
Plants & Growspaces



Collage of some of the sent in plants



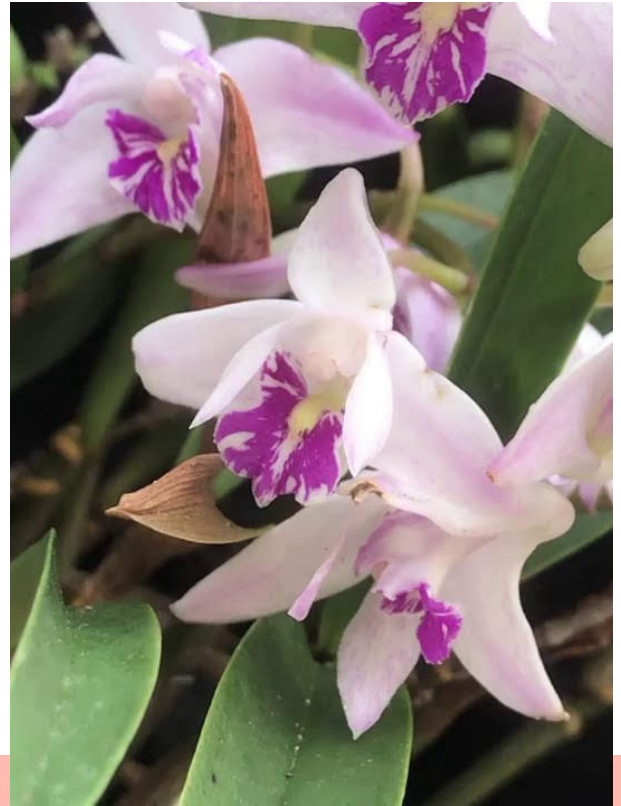
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Valerie Mountain



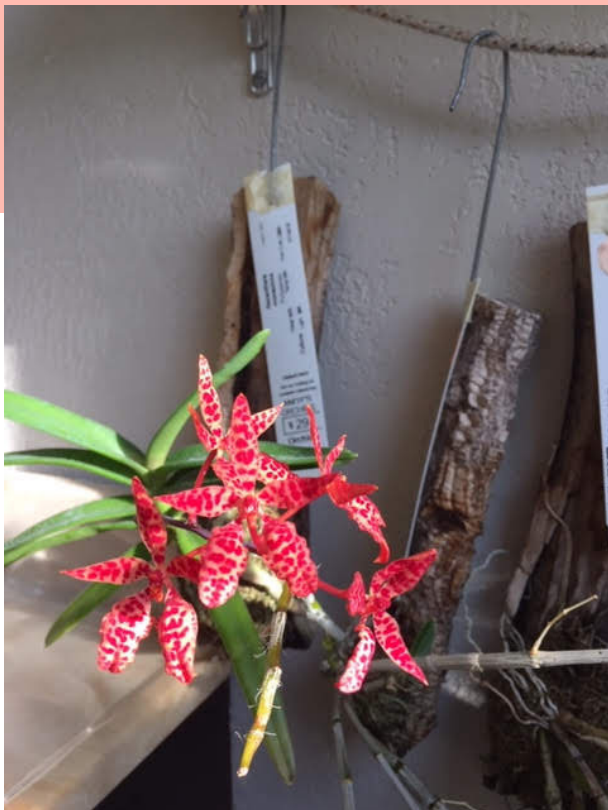
Angraecum sesquipedale
Jeff Harris



Foghouse
Jeff Harris



Dendrobium kingianum
Jeff Harris



Renanthera monachica
Valerie Mountain



Epidendrum campestre
Valerie Mountain



Renanthera storiei
Valerie Mountain



Laelia crispata v. flava
Valerie Mountain



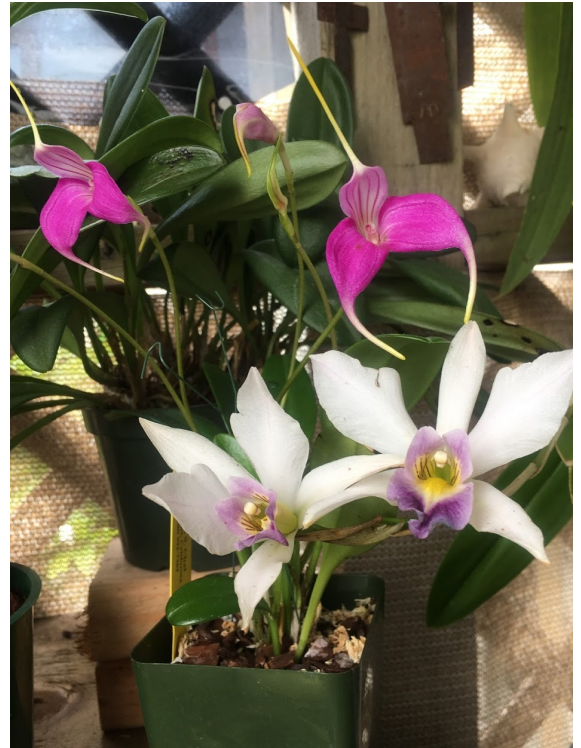
Dendrobium farmeri
Ron Norris



Vanda pumila
Ron Norris



Coelogyne pulchella
Ron Norris



Masdevallia caudata x coccinea & *Laelia anceps* var. *veitchiana*
Debra Vails-Qualters



Cymbidium Kevin Hipkins
Ron Norris



Maxillaria neoweidii
Kay Klumb



Encyclia cordigera v. alba
Kay Klumb



Paphiopedilum delenatii
Andrea Laudate



Angraecum leonis
Kay Klumb



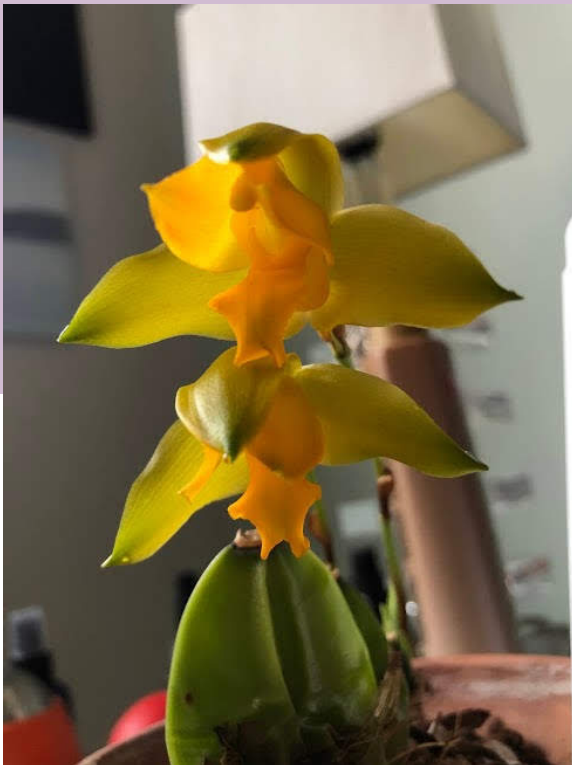
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Dave Hermeyer



Jumellea arachnanthe
Kay Klumb



Cattleya mossiae v. *alba*
Kay Klumb



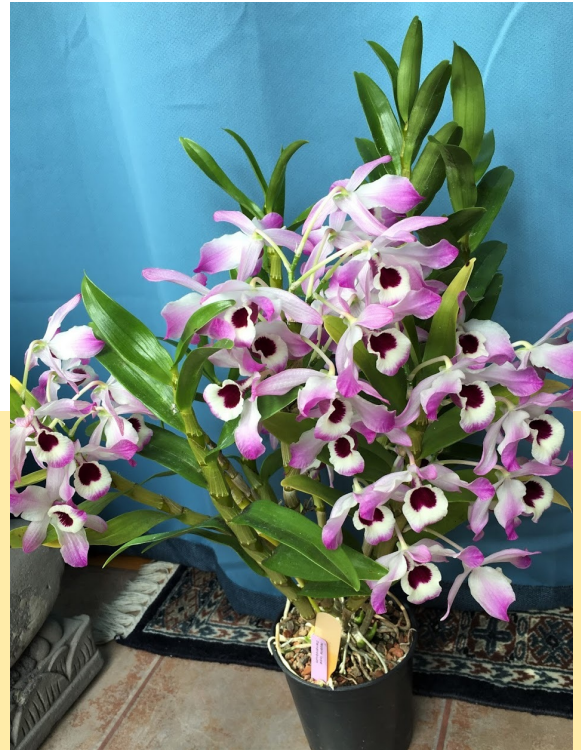
Lycaste consobrina
Jia Li



Greenhouse
Dave Hermeyer



Laelia jongheana
Dave Hermeyer



Dendrobium nobile
Dave Hermeyer



Dendrobium thrysiflorum
Dave Hermeyer



Aerangis citrata
Dave Hermeyer



Masdevallia tridens
Dave Hermeyer



Epidendrum polybulbon
Dave Hermeyer



Restrepia purpurea
Jeff Harris



Maxillaria tenuifolia
Rebecca Long



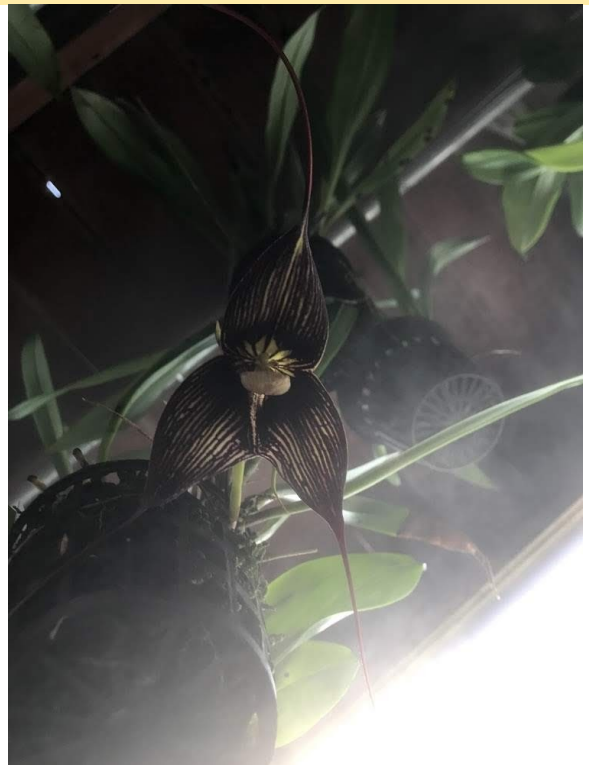
Pleurothallis octavioi
Jeff Harris



Dendrobium specio-kingianum 'Crysta'
Jeff Harris



Cymbidium hybrids
Heidi Arno



Dracula vampira
Jeff Harris



Vanda Kultana 'New Release Maui 2019'
Jeff Harris



Maxillaria lepidota
Jeff Harris



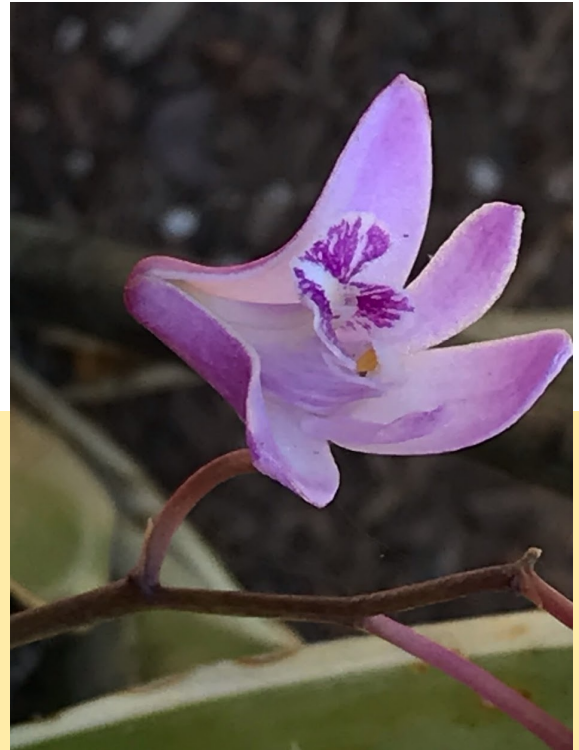
Epidendrum brevivenium
Kay Klumb



BL Yellow Bird 4N
Jeff Harris



Dracula roezlii
Jeff Harris



Dendrobium kingianum
Andrea Laudate



Masdevallia ignea & *Masdevallia coccinea*
Valerie Mountain



Paphiopedilum Gloria Naugle
Jeff Harris

SFOS Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Jeff Harris, Erik Sayle, Faye Rabino, Jeremiah Chua, John McCallen, Debra Vails-Qualters, Dave Hermeyer, Christian Neitro

Not present: Lynne Murrell

Board meeting called to order: (7:12pm)

President's update: Jeff

- Embezzlement Case Update: next hearing date is May 5, 2020

Treasurer's report: Faye

- Faye to present the monthly (March 2020) finance report - Christian moved to endorse the monthly finance report, Debra seconded the motion which passed unanimously by verbal vote.
- Prepaid rent to SF Rec & Park for space not used in 2020 will be credited toward future meetings/events

VP's update: Erik

Programming Updates:

- April 7, 2020 - positive overall feedback on virtual format - suggested improvements:
 - Interest in including more 2-5 minute videos/"slide shows" from members to share grow spaces, collections etc on a monthly basis
 - Interactive skill session ("show-n-share" with questions)

follow up with remaining speakers through July re: webinar by Zoom vs reschedule/alternatives:

- May - short talks: John McCallen - growing under lights, Tanya Lam - water collection system (Hadley Cash cancelled - to be rescheduled)
 - June - no speakers yet (Tomas Bajza cancelled - to be rescheduled)
 - July - Tim Culbertson - need to follow up and confirm
 - Aug 2020 - Jason Miller - SFOS 2019 research grant recipient: Genetic diversity of *Cypripedium arietinum* within Wisconsin
 - Sept - Oct - TBD
 - Nov - Alan Koch - Gold Country Orchids
 - Dec - Holiday party
- Chris Mende/Tony Wells from Tiny Jungle & Lets Talk Plants will be continue to be providing plants for an opportunity table if we can come up with a virtual process (check out their page on EBay: <https://www.ebay.com/str/letstalkplants>)
 - Greenhouse tours - virtual tours?

Zoom Chat Function to participate in the Q&A portion of the meeting. Members must log into the Zoom App on their mobile device or computer. Chat participation is not available for individuals who dial-in through a zoom phone number. We will begin the meeting with the speaker sharing his/her screen to show members how to use the chat feature.

You can help...



The San Francisco Orchid Society joins other orchid societies and businesses participating in the 1% FOC campaign by committing to budget 1% or more of our net revenue towards in situ orchid conservation projects. For more information:

orchidconservationcoalition.org



Upcoming Orchids in the Wild® trips

Please refer to the OCA Website for updates!

July 18-August 10, 2020
Orchids in the Wild, Bogotá, Colombia

September 21-October 1, 2020
Orchids in the Wild, Terrestrial Orchids of Western Australia

For more information, see the OCA website

OITP 2020 - Board voted to cancel last month.

POE 2021 chair/plan - time to plan - need one or two member volunteers but am also considering hiring Liz Rosinski (www.rosinskicommunications.com) (awaiting formal budget/scope of work proposal) or alternate - for coordinating PR/ads effort for SFOS across events for consistency - possibly more project management or other select items if needed. Next show committee meeting - May 18th 7:00pm by Zoom

Membership update: (Debra/John)

No new members in April; April meeting headcount (35 on Zoom per Jeff's count).

Newsletter editor update: (Christian) - reminder to submit contributions including classified ads by the 15th of the month for target e-distribution of newsletter around the 20th of the month.

Old Business:

- Ron Norris running the May 5, 2020 elections - including counting of absentee ballots sent by Monday May 4th to election@orchidsanfrancisco.org

New Business:

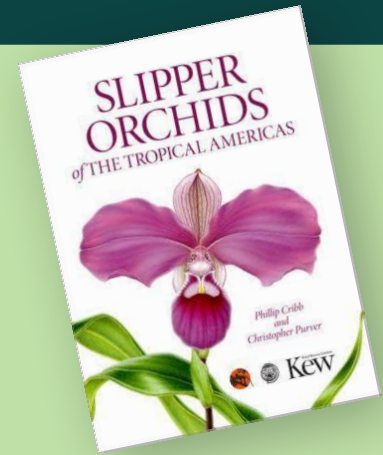
- Faye - online show "hosting" idea - some interest from board, but needs more development to be feasible.

Next Board Meeting: Monday May 11th, 2020 - Zoom Meeting, to be scheduled to start at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

*The San Francisco Orchid Society would like to wish past President & long-time member **Jack Halpern** a happy and healthy 100th birthday on May 18th 2020.*

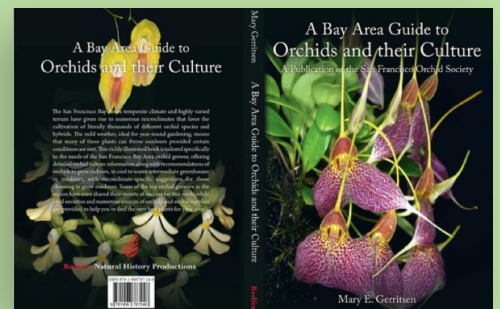
Jack is known for his love of Beauty, which includes Orchids, all kinds of Flowers, Minerals & Nature in general. A Rose he planted in 1947 won an award just a few years ago at the Rose Society Show.



Special Pricing \$60.00 for SFOS Members!

Written by Phillip Cribb and Christopher Purver, this 282 page book covers the tropical American species of three genera of slipper orchids, Selenipedium, Mexipedium and Phragmipedium. Beautifully illustrated throughout with color botanical paintings by Carol Woodin, as well as black and white line drawings, color photographs and maps.

To purchase your copy please contact Jeff Harris: president@orchidsanfrancisco.org



Get your copy of "The Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture", featuring many of the members of the San Francisco Orchid Society and our neighboring orchid societies. Cost is \$21.69 (\$19.99 plus sales tax (\$1.70)). Contact Mary Gerritsen for purchasing arrangements: meg570@comcast.net

SFOS 2020 Board Elections

According to our by-laws the election of our officers and board occur each May, with their terms beginning as of June 1. Below is the slate of nominees submitted by the nominating committee (Ron Norris, Chris Mende). Since the May meeting will be held virtually, any members may submit additional nominations or absentee votes to this e-mail address: election@orchidsanfrancisco.org. (This email address is controlled by the nominating committee.) All absentee votes must be submitted no later than Monday, May 4th in order that we can determine the winners during the May 5 meeting.

Note: If you plan to attend the May 5 meeting online, you DO NOT need to submit an absentee vote. The email address is only for those members who cannot attend the May 5th meeting online.

President	Jeff Harris
VP	Erik Sayle
Secretary	John McCallen
Treasurer	Faye Rabino
Board	Lauren Iverson
Board	Christian Neitro
Board	Lynne Murrell
Board	Stuart Menaker

Non-Elective

Past Pres	Dave Hermeyer
Membership	Debra Vails-Qualters

Current SFOS Officers and Contacts

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Show Chair:
Vacant - please apply!

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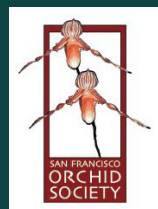
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SFOS Websites



SFOS - www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

POE - www.pacorhidexpo.org

OITP - www.sforchidsinthepark.org