August 3rd Meeting Speaker

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq ft of growing space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Marni is a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called ‘Well Worth the Space’ and ‘Give It a Rest’. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been featured in articles noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. She has expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish. A working potter for over 40 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design which is a pottery that produces vases, orchid planters, flower arranging containers, ceramic barrel rims and urns.

Marni will be speaking on Coelogyne, Dendrochilum and Related Genera. Originally developed for the AOS Members Meeting in Sacramento, California in 2003, this program covers the 9 horticulturally significant genera of the 21 or so that comprise the subtribe Coelogyninae. These include not only Coelogyne and Dendrochilum, but also Pleione, Chelonistele, Pholidota and others. You will learn about the diversity within the different genera, see both common and rarely seen species as well as learn about habitat and how it relates to cultural needs.

Marni will also be providing the Opportunity Table.

Coelogyne mooreana

 Presidents Corner
President Kristina Bell would like to thank all those who helped with the July BBQ

Upcoming Events for 2011:
August Speaker: Marie Turkel
September Speaker: T.J. Hartung
Orchids of Mexico
October: SCVOS Auction
November: Ed Nazzal
Local Wild Orchids
December 4th: SCVOS Holiday Party
Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society
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August 2011 SCVOS Newsletter

(please note that links in electronic copies are functional)

Erratum: Last month (July 2011) on page one of the SCVOS Newsletter was a picture of a plant from Andy’s Orchids we called Grammatophyllum when it was actually a Rynchostylus.

July Meeting

The SCVOS Annual BBQ

Our intrepid and bilingual Bingo Emcee Oliver Colmenar in action
SCVOS News

If you are not getting your newsletter via email, please be sure to give your current correct address to Ed Nazzal, paphman@gmail.com

All plants brought for sale by members must be properly labeled, disease free, and priced in even, dollar amounts. Ten percent of the sale price goes to the club treasurer, Marvin Bell. Before you leave. We rely on the honor system. Thank you to those abiding by this rule.

Refreshments Announcement: All members with last names starting S-U please bring in refreshments for August 2011. And, you get a free raffle ticket for the Opportunity Table.

Remember, for much more information about orchids, links, our future schedule, care sheets, contact information, previous newsletters, and lots of pictures of plants and people, visit the website: santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org/links.htm

The SCVOS: Helping You to Become a Better Grower
SCVOS Online
So much online – check it out!! We have a Facebook page. Have a look at it on Facebook! Also see Matt Bond’s Flickr page, and Eric Hunt’s SCVOS Show page, and the Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia, which the SCVOS helps fund. Member Susan Wiedman also has a new link at http://www.upclosewithmothernature.com/

Board Meeting
The August board meeting will occur on the 17th of August at 7:30 PM at place TBD @ CA. If you’d like to make an announcement, please contact Kristina by phone at (408) 229-2747 or by email at kbellwolf1@sbcglobal.net. Participating on the board is a very rewarding and infinitely educational experience – highly recommended! Please come out and support your society!

Your 2011 Board
SCVOS Board
The Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society is a non-profit organization that meets the first Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose, California. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM. The skill session starts at about 7:00 PM.

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2011 Holiday Party
San Jose Japantown Orchid Exposition

Andy’s Brother from Andy’s Orchids

Epidendrums from Cal-Orchids

Angraccium didieri

Reed-stem Epidendrums

Sobralias from Oz Gardens

Cal-Orchids display
Orchid Facts

Sophronitis (Soph) is a genus in the Cattleya alliance. They are small, either epiphytic or lithophytic (even terrestrial!), sympodial growing orchids used extensively in breeding to reduce plant size and also to produce bright red color among Cattleya hybrids. They are found in wet forests in the high elevations of Eastern Brazil, Paraguay and Northeast Argentina.

Sophronitis cernua (the type species) was first described by John Lindley in 1828. The genus name was derived from the Greek sophron, meaning, chaste, modest and, in this case, small. The first two meanings of this Greek word do not translate to the characteristics of the flowers in this genus. The flowers are certainly neither chaste nor modest when it comes to color. These plants flower any time of the year.

Most members of this genus are cool growing in nature, thus intermediate conditions when growing them. They need bright, indirect light and high humidity. Most internet sources recommend watering freely during summer and sparingly during winter, simulating conditions where they grow naturally. However, Soph. brevipedunculata grow in very dry conditions in nature. Rains may not come for months on end. And this species can live entirely on night dew.

The Sophronitis genus has been classified into these genera: Brasiliaelia, Chironiella, Dungsia, Hadrolaelia, Hoffmannseggella, Lophoglottis, Microlaelia, and Sophronia. At the 2008 World Orchid Congress in Miami, there was already talk of reclassifying the Sophronitis genus. Now, they are all classified as Cattleya. And since Brazilian Laelia species have also been reclassified as Sophronitis (which brought the number of members from 10 to 66), some Laeliocattleya (Lc.), Sophrocattleya (Sc.) and Sophrolaeliocattleya (Slc.) hybrids are now simply Cattleya hybrids.

Thanks again to Oliver Colmenar for sharing his knowledge and research
Tanya Lam’s Orchid Sales

Hundreds of orchid for sales – Public Invited
Tanya grows many orchid species and hybrids, come to shop for her many great divisions of bulbophyllum, cymbidium, dendrobium, epidendrum, cattleya, vanda, and more… She also has a large selection of orchid growing supplies for sales.

Location: 2096 Mandelay Place, San Jose, CA 95138

When: Every weekend in July and August except for 7/17, 7/23, 7/24, 8/6, 8/7

Time: 9am – 4pm

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Most weekends in July and August
Open House on Saturday July 30, 2011

Note: Rare divisions available: Cymbidium finlaysonianum, Vanda tricolor var suavis, Dendrobium aggregatum, Bulbophyllum lobii, Laelia purpurata alba, Laelia tenebrosa, Aerangis cryptodon, Rhyncolaelia digbyana, Stanhopea nigrovioleacea, awarde cattleya hybrids, and many more