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## About the February Meeting

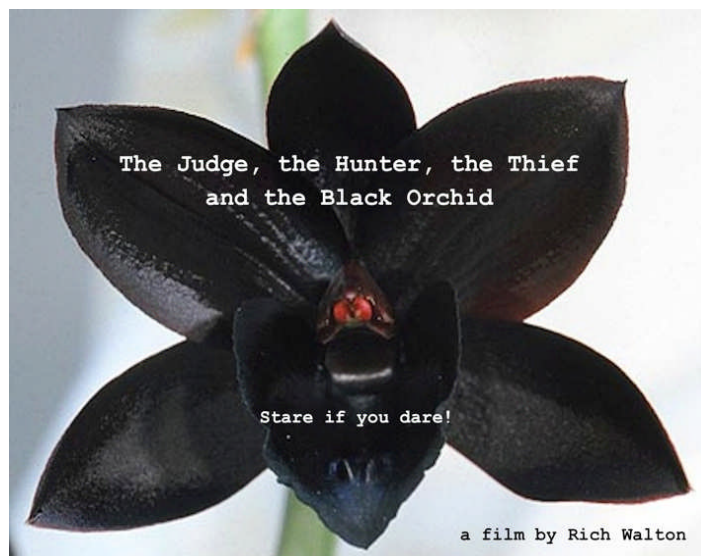
**February 11, 2013**

7:00 P.M.

University of Washington  
Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st Street  
Seattle, WA 98105

### Program:

This month, instead of a speaker, we will be showing the film The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid.



The film is a documentary about the orchid world and includes interviews with many of its best known personalities: Harold Koopowitz, Fred Clarke, Martin Motes, Andy Phillips, and Lance Birk, among others. As the title suggests, the topics range everywhere from orchid hunting, smuggling and a federal prosecution, to rivalry and politics in the orchid world, as well as a look into the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami. Four different commercial growers, both small and large scale, share their wildly differing viewpoints on breeding and growing orchids.

The film is a fascinating look into the orchid world and, at 70 minutes, will take the same time as a speaker, so all other normal meeting activities will take place.

### Display Table:

We will have our regular display table, so bring in your blooming plants to share.

**Sales Table:**

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include an extra tag with your name and cost with each plant.

**Raffle:**

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund.

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**President's Corner**

Happy February and welcome to the Spring 2013 NWOS events and programs:

We have a very interesting and fun Spring to look forward to. Along with the monthly meeting, there is the February Flower Show and the April Orchid Show.

As we all know, these events are important to the financial part of the Society that pays the rent and makes the Christmas plants possible. Don't be hesitant to sign up to help at these events. Without you the Society won't be able to continue with these fantastic opportunities.

The February meeting will have two sign-up sheets. One is for the Flower Show shifts and the other is for the April Show shifts. Both of these events need your help and enthusiasm.

The Saturday Flower Show set up needs all of the folks that we can get. This is the chance to make Joff's vision come to life. Remember that when you sign up to help set up, breakdown or for a regular show shift you receive a day pass to the whole show!

The first weekend in April will be our annual show & sale at Sky Nursery. This is just around the corner. Make sure to sign up to help set up on the Friday before and to staff the weekend show. The show will be judged by the American Orchid Society Judges and they will be awarding the 'AOS Quality Awards'. Our NWOS members will be selecting orchids that deserve a show ribbon, this is called 'Ribbon Judging'. The sign up sheets will be at the meeting and anyone who wants to help can contact me at [fosterpierce@comcast.net](mailto:fosterpierce@comcast.net).

Mike Foster  
President

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**Your Orchids Are Needed**

To make the NWOS garden "Lights, Camera, Orchids!" as dazzling and eye-popping as possible, we need *your* orchids. Any and all blooming orchids will be accepted. Based on previous years, I can guarantee that close to 50,000 people will admire your plants and their blossoms. Some of those people will ask further questions and some of those will become members of the NWOS.

Orchids will be installed into our garden on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM until about 9:00 PM. You can either bring your plants to the Convention Center yourself (the easiest method) or arrange to drop them off with an NWOS member who will be coming to help at the Show. I can offer my place in Kirkland as a drop point, but don't wait until the 18<sup>th</sup> to do as I will most likely be at the Show. Call or email a few days earlier to make arrangements. Other members in Seattle will offer drop points as well, so come to the meeting to find out whom.

As for the orchids themselves, the leaves should be clean and free of pests. Flowers and/or floppy flower spikes need to be staked to protect them while being transported and displayed. And each orchid pot/mount must have *your name* affixed to it. I like to use a Sharpie to write my name on blue (painters) masking tape, and then affix the tape to the side of my orchid pots. The tape is great because it stays on even when wet. Lastly, print a list of the orchids you are loaning us along with your name and phone number. These last two items (name on the pot and a list) are most helpful in matching up the orchids with their rightful owners at Show's end.

To retrieve your orchids at Show's end, the coolest thing would be to come down to the Convention Center on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM, and help us dismantle the display. However, if you used one of the member drop points, then your plants can be retrieved from that same member.

Again, your orchids are what make this garden possible. Please help us put on a gorgeous display of orchids! Thank you.

~ Joff Morgan



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## Looking for Volunteers

The NW Flower & Garden Show is fast approaching! We are in need of more people to volunteer. The jobs are varied and interesting from garden setup, orchid labeling and placing, providing security, helping answer orchid questions (or pointing to someone else), being a “host”, and even helping us tear down the display at Show's end. Most shifts are 3-hours and working one gets you into the Flower Show (a \$20 value) for next to nothing. A great way to help the Society and experience the Show at the same time.

Setup and Show Passes will be available at the February meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting and you have already signed up, I can mail the items to you. Just give me a ring or send me an email.

In addition to our orchid garden, the following vendors will be selling their colorful wares – Emerald City Orchids, SeattleOrchid.com, Out on a Limb Orchids, and Andy's Orchids.

Are you still on the fence about signing up? Here are more details for each day:

**Sat, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Setup:** We will be building three raised beds using bricks, filling those beds with dark mulch, and capping one of the beds with flagstone pavers. A patio surrounding one bed will also be laid using the pavers. Thankfully, the bed walls are low 8” to 16” or two to four layers of brick. Eleven members have signed up to help, but a few more will make the process go much faster. Start time is 2:00 PM, we should be done around 6 PM. Wear your grubby clothes and bring gloves!

**Mon, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Setup:** Monday is when we label and place the orchids into the garden. Excuse me, I mean *place YOUR orchids!* “Live” moss will be placed as well so that no pots are showing. There are two shifts from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM and 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The majority of orchids arrive after 5:00 PM. Eight people have signed up to help on this important day. More volunteers are needed, especially for the later shift.

For the following Show Days, the jobs are varied. You could be providing security for the orchids (telling people not to sit on the walls nor touch the flowers), helping to answer questions, or promoting the NWOS. It would be nice to have at least 3 people for each shift. Four would be better as that would allow periodic breaks.

**Wed, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Day 1** is always busy, but the crowds usually thin out around 3 PM. We need people for all shifts 9-12, 12-3, 3-6, and 6-8. Six people have signed up for this day.

**Thu, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Day 2** is much lighter in foot traffic. There will be tour buses and loads of local school children on this day. People are needed for all shifts 9-12, 12-3, 3-6, and 6-8. Three people have signed up.

**Fri, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Day 3** is also a relatively light day. More tour buses and school children visit on this day. Volunteers are needed for shifts 9-12, 12-3, and 6-8. Five people have signed up.

**Sat, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Day 4** is the busiest of all Show days. We have seven people signed up so far. People are needed for shifts 3-6 and 6-8 especially, and one more body for each 9-12 and 12-3 shifts. Did I mention there are four orchid vendors?

**Sun, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Day 5** is probably the lightest of all Show days. Afternoon is busier since the bargain hunters are out and historically that is when some vendors lower their prices. Twelve members have volunteered to work this day! We have 3 people for 9-12, 4 for 12-3, and 5 for 3-6.

**Sun, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Teardown** begins promptly at 6 PM when the Show closes. Orchids are removed from the display and grouped according to their owners. The moss is removed and bagged. The flagstones and bricks are cleaned and put back on their pallets. Last year, we completely dismantled our display in a record two hours! But then we had at least 15 people helping. This year, so far, we have nine signed up.

If you cannot make the February meeting, you may still sign up by sending me an email or calling me on the phone. Thank you for helping the NWOS with this great Show.

~ Joff Morgan

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### **Indoor Light Equipment for Sale:**

Mimi C., one of our former members, is decommissioning her indoor orchid room and has a variety of used, but good equipment for sale. There are no fixed prices so give her your best offer. She lives in the Queen Anne area of Seattle. Mimi's contact information is listed in your member email that was sent saying that the newsletter was ready. Alternately, you can contact the NWOS Newsletter Editor.

1 – Sunleaves Hygro-Thermometer

3 - 400 watt Grow Light fixtures and ballasts

1 - 1000 watt Grow Light fixture with ballast

4 - Timers

4 - Fans (2 Table, 2 oscillating)

1 - Mister (very effective.....Kenmore Quiet Comfort)

4 - tables...1 u shaped, 2 long and one wide and large ...some have a partial 2<sup>nd</sup> tier. Tables are made of cinder block & wire shelving that is strong...plus plastic trays filled w/ gravel under each table.  
several dozen - 3" clear plastic pots

15 - 4" clear plastic pots....also dozens of dark green plastic pots of varying sizes

Plus 40 orchid plants of varying sizes and kinds....

## **Bits and Pieces from the American Orchid Society**

***AOS Orchids online!*** As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed – as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids. For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at <http://www.aos.org/>. Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

### ***\$50,000 for Orchid Research***

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to [ideas@aos.org](mailto:ideas@aos.org). No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

### ***AOS in San Diego – March 21-23, 2013***

The Spring Members' and Trustees' meetings will be held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Show being held March 21-23, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Diego, California. Join the AOS to attend the meetings, its traditional banquet, auction, elections and reorganization meeting by registering at <http://www.aos.org/>. The registration fee for AOS attendees includes admission into the show for the weekend. Speaker and vendor information may be found on the society website at <http://www.sdorchids.com/>.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

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## **Farewell and Best Wishes**

Frank and Judy Vincenzi retired and moved to Arlington. Due to the 50 mile commute, they won't be able to participate in the activities of the NWOS any longer. They sent a message to the membership that they wish us all the best and hope all of our orchids are scale and mealy bug-free.

We will miss them as well.



## Report from the January Meeting

Mike Foster started the meeting. There were many announcements. Joff talked about the upcoming Flower and Garden show.

Abigail Chang gave a beautiful presentation on the recent AOS awards from the Pacific Northwest Judging Center. This area includes British Columbia, Alberta, part of Saskatchewan, Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and part of Montana. She went thru the award winners by genera describing various good points about the flowers or the great culture of the CCM's. She also talked about the influence of the parents on various hybrids. We got to see the best flowers and plants from around our area.



Andy reviews the plant table

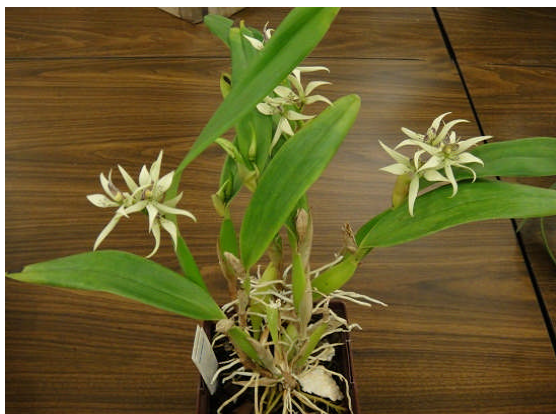
Andy Wright reviewed the plant table which was particularly floriferous this month!



taking a closer look at a small flower



*Epidendrum polybulbon*, George Krasle



*Epidendrum fragrans*, Randy Erickson



closeup of Randy's *Epi. fragrans* flower





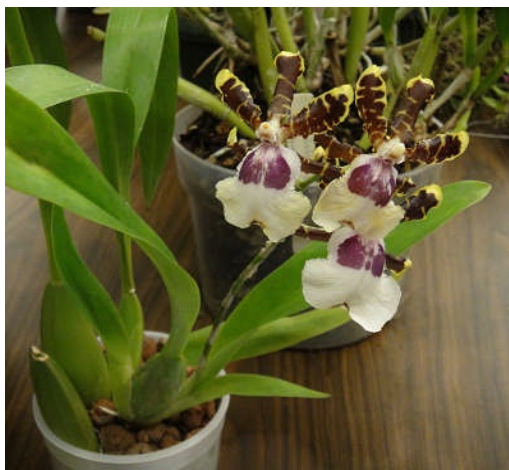
*Epi. floribundum*,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



closeup of *Carpenterara*  
Sydney Smith



*Carpenterara* Sydney Smith,  
Joff Morgan



*Colm. wild Willie* 'Pacific Bingo',  
Diane Drisch



*Oncidium ornithorhynchum*, George Krasle  
the ancestor of Sharry Baby



*Oncidium* hybrid, Randy Erickson



Burr. Stefan Isler, Diane Drisch





Degarmoara (Dgmra.) Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy', (Miltassia Cartagena x Odontoglossum Gledlow), George Krasle, smells like black pepper



Laelia anceps 'Dark Visitor', George Krasle



Bc. Lois McNeil 'Coerulea' x L. pumila 'Coerulea', Diane Drisch



Lc. Mini Purple, George & Cylvia Grantham



Bc. George King 'Serendipidy' AM/AOS, George & Cylvia Grantham



Slc. Pink Doll 'Garnet Sea' AM/AOS x Sl. Pole Star, Joff Morgan



Cattleya percivaliana 'Summit' AM/AOS, Michael Cory



closeup of Mike's Cattleya flower

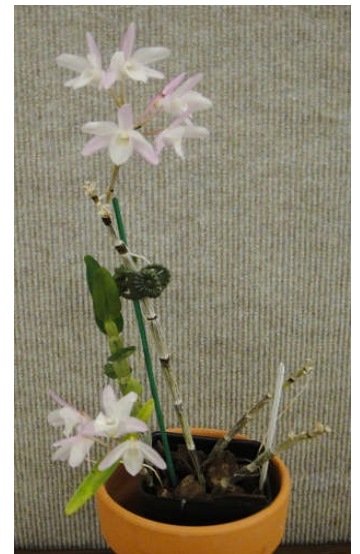




Cymbidium Khai Loving Rabbit  
'Hinoki Pearl', George Krasle



Ascocentrum miniatum,  
George Krasle



Dendrobium Princess 'Asai',  
Lisa Ellis



Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga,  
George & Sylvia Grantham



Dendrobium kingianum special pink,  
Al and Michelle Kaas



closeup of Dick's  
Dendrobium flower



Dendrobium Victoria-  
Reginae, Dick Hanson



Dendrobium Mingle's Sapphire  
#1251 (Den. victoriae-reginae  
'Brooke' x Den. ceraula,  
George & Sylvia Grantham





Ludisia discolor  
'Super Stripe'



closeup of Joff's Ludisia discolor flower



Ludisia discolor,  
Joff Morgan



Masdevallia decumana,  
Andy Wright



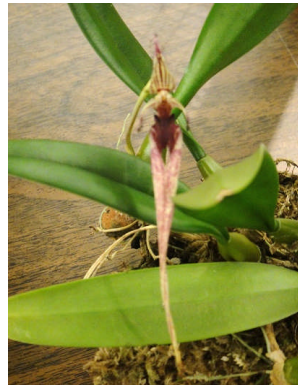
Masdevallia mendozae, Andy Wright



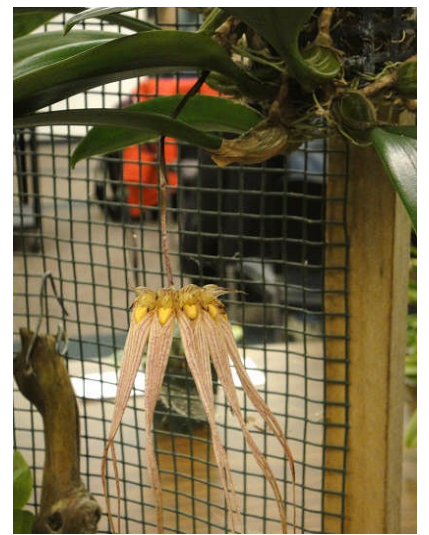
Masdevallia discoidea



Bulbophyllum wendlandianum,  
George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulbophyllum  
ornatissimum 'Age'  
CHM/AOS,  
Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum longissimum orange,  
Andy Wright





Bulbophyllum species,  
George Krasle



Dendrochilum glumaceum,  
George Krasle,  
smells like ozone



Pleur. schweinfurthii,  
George and Cylvia Grantham



Stelis species, Andy Wright



Scaph. grande,  
Andy Wright



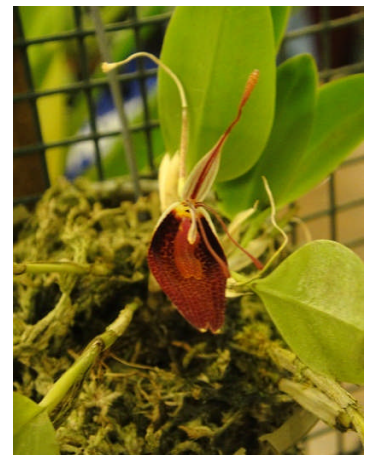
Stelis lynniana, Andy Wright



Ponera juncifolia,  
George Krasle



Neolauchea pulchella,  
George Krasle



Restrepia species,  
Andy Wright





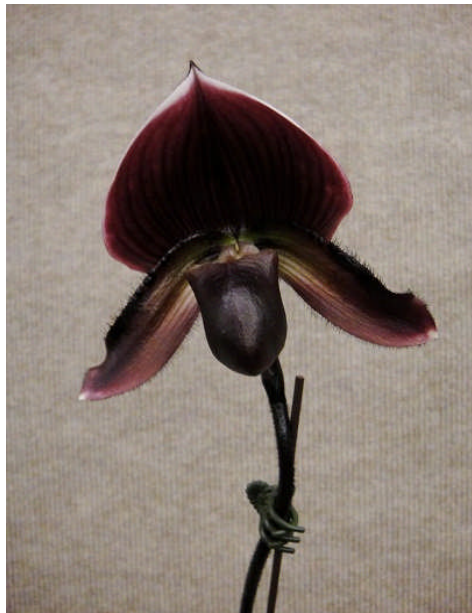
Paph. spicerianum 'Kenta' HCC/AOS x Paph. spicerianum 'Miao Hua' BM/TPS, Al and Michelle Kaas



Paphiopedalum spicerianum



Paph Hawaiian Illusion 'Dark Prince', Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



closeup of Mary's Ruby Pulsar flower



Paphiopedalum 'Ruby Pulsar Impulsa', Mary Nichol



Paph. gratixianum, Al & Michelle Kaas



Paph. Wallcrest x fairrieanum 'album', Mike Foster & Donna Pierce





Paph Keyeshill (Carl Keyes 'Surefire HCC/AOS) x Winston Churchill 'Redoubtable' FCC/AOS, Al & Michelle Kaas



Paph. Crazy Jolly 'Berserk' x Paph. (Winston Churchill x Herb Hager) 'Redman', Al & Michelle Kaas



Paph Satin Stone 'Tan Beauty', Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Sunbeam, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph Icy Icy Wind (Stone Lovely 'Tierra' x Ice Castle 'Mystic'), Al & Michelle Kaas



Paph venustum 'SVO' AM/AOS x self, Diane Drisch



Paph. venustum var. Album 'Maybrook' AM/AOS, Dick Hanson





Paph. adductum,  
Dick Hanson



Paph. Shin-Yi Prince  
(Prince Edward of York x sanderianum),  
Dick Hanson



Phrag. Dick Clement x Phrag. sargentianum,  
Al & Michelle Kaas



Phrag. Cardinale (sedenii x schlimii),  
George & Cylvia Grantham

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### **Reminder for Officers & Board Members**

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 3/5/13 and 5/7/13.  
Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**February 11, 2013** - Documentary Film: [The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid.](#)

**February 20-24, 2013** - NW Flower & Garden Show

**March 11, 2013** - Annual Orchid Auction

**March 18, 2013** - Potting Clinic in the Douglas Classroom

**April 6-7, 2013** - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery with setup on the 5th.

**April 8, 2013** - Speaker: Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids, California speaking about *Neofinetia falcata* and it's hybrids

**May 13, 2013** - Speaker: Tom Etteridge, an AOS Judge from Oregon speaking on *Odontoglossums*

**June 10, 2013** - Pot Luck

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Fellow Orchid Enthusiasts,

As president of the San Francisco Orchid Society, I would like to extend my personal invitation to an incredible orchid event. Have you ever been to the Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) in San Francisco? It is one of the largest, if not the largest, orchid shows in the United States. It features an amazing display of orchids, with over 40 different exhibits as well as a large central exhibit put on by the San Francisco Orchid Society. There will be literally tens of thousands of orchids on display.

The POE also features an incredible variety of vendors, including national and international orchid nurseries, several different orchid supply companies, bromeliad vendors, and even a few orchid art and pottery vendors. There are 54 confirmed vendors as of this date, and several more on the waiting list. This is a fantastic opportunity to purchase rare and unusual species and hybrids. You can also preorder plants from the vendors if you contact them from the online links posted on our web page.

There is a Gala Benefit Preview on Thursday evening, February 21 featuring wine tasting, gourmet food, jazz, a silent and live auction, and the first view of orchids on display. The Gala is also your first chance to purchase orchids. This is followed by three days of the show, featuring orchid sales, docent tours, silent auction, member sales, and conservation activities. In addition, this year the POE also offers something new: a three day orchid seminar series, with topics that are sure to interest anyone interested in orchids.

When: February 21-24, 2013

Where: Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason, San Francisco California

For more information about the show, tickets, vendors, parking, directions and accommodation:

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html>

For more information about the seminar series:

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/pdf/2013POESeminars.pdf>

There are group rates available for the show; please contact Frances Larose at:

[flarose@prmagic.com](mailto:flarose@prmagic.com)

I hope to see you there, and I'd appreciate it if you could please share this information with other members of your orchid society through your websites and newsletters.

Sincerely,

Mary Gerritsen  
President  
San Francisco Orchid Society