



SANTA CRUZ ORCHID SOCIETY

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Meetings are the first Friday of each month at the Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Monthly Meeting: Friday, June 6, 7:30 pm

Miniature Orchids: Nature's Small Wonders By Dan Newman

Everyone who gets hooked on orchids eventually runs out of space! There are more fascinating species in the world than any of us can hope to accommodate, but by adding some smaller-growing plants to our collections, we can fit more variety into the space available. The aim of this talk will be to show the charm and the range of variation that miniature orchids can provide, and to discuss their needs in cultivation.

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful plant was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his collection into a commercial greenhouse space. He took over the large species collection of his friend and "orchid mentor", Walter Teague of San Francisco, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 10,000 to 12,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers. This number includes a few hybrids, but the great majority are species.

May Snack: Barbara Chamberlain, Lupe Allen, Barbara Sampson, Doreen Onori, Linda Wilson and Dave Bockman. Thank you.

Budding Orchid Events

May 31-June 1—Express Orchid Exhibition Airport Holiday Inn Express, 1350 N. Fourth St, San Jose.

June 3, 7:30pm—SFOS General Meeting—Jim Rose on *Laelia anceps*.

June 14—Orchid Digest Speaker's Day, "Those Marvelous Miniatures" Noon-8:00 pm, Huntington Gardens. Pasadena, San Marino. Contact: Simone Friend (562) 431-1247, orchidsimonef@aol.com. \$60 (\$70 at door) for afternoon seminars, dinner, and evening speaker event. Lectures: Walter Teague, Marc Hachadourian, Alan Kock, Lynn O'Shaughnessy. Vendors: Andy's Orchids, Cal-Orchids, Gold Country Orchids & more.

July 11—Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society. Dr. David Du Puy, lead author of newly revised book *The Genus Cymbidium*. 7:30 p.m. at the Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center, 1232 De La Vina Street (at Victoria Street) in downtown Santa Barbara. RSVP benjidelmar@earthlink.net for 5:00 dinner reservation.

July 12—RESERVE THIS DAY—Santa Cruz Orchid Society Annual Greenhouse Tour in the morning and Picnic in the afternoon.

June 21—Master Gardeners Faire **SCOS Volunteers needed for booth.**