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The next monthly general meeting is Monday, February 19, 2018, at 7:15 pm

Monthly meetings are held at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park.

Free parking is available behind the San Francisco County Fair Building off Lincoln Way.

4:00 pm – Botanical gardens walk with the featured speaker. Meet outside the entrance gate to the San Francisco Botanical Garden. New rules require that if you do not enter with the California Horticultural Society as a group, you need to pay the entry fee if you are neither a SFBG member nor a resident of San Francisco. Please be on time.

5:30 pm – No-host dinner will take place at [Nopalito Mexican Restaurant](http://www.nopalitosf.com/menu/), located at 1224 Ninth Ave, San Fran (<http://www.nopalitosf.com/menu/>).
NOTE: this is a change for dinner for Feb 19

7:15 pm – Announcements, Plant Forum, and Program Meeting will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building.

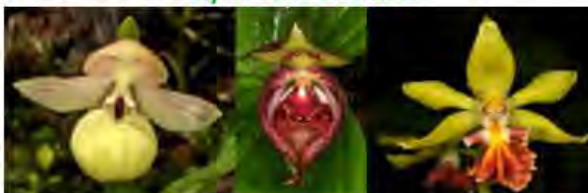
Cal Hort members may attend for free. Non-members are welcome; Cal Hort requests a donation of \$5.



Monday, February 19, 2018

"The Orchids of Sichuan, China"

by Ron Parsons



Ron Parsons joined a botanical tour of northwest Sichuan with the late slipper orchid expert Holger Perner and his wife Wenqing. The tour focused on seeing some of the native *Cypripedium* species (the circumpolar genus of mostly temperate slipper orchids), but we saw numerous other orchids as well as lovely *Primula*, *Paeonia*, *Gentiana*, *Deutzia*, *Arisaema*, *Meconopsis*, etc. This talk features not just the beautiful flowers of the region but the fantastic scenery.

Monday, March 19, 2018

"Land Above The Air: Plants Of the Bolivian Andes"

"by Dave Janas"



Dave is a professional horticulturist who currently works at the Missouri Botanical Garden and has lived in Costa Rica, Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands growing plants for commercial, scientific, and personal interests. He recently spent a month exploring the Altiplano and Upper Valleys of Bolivia and will show us both new plants and old favorites in situ as he explores this fascinating country in the heart of South America

Cal Hort's 2018 Seed Exchange

Donations have been submitted and the availability list is posted on Cal Hort's web site. Please read the instructions with the Seed Exchange list as distribution will be on a first submitted/first choice basis. Packeting of the requests will be at Markham Arboretum offices in Concord Saturday March 3rd. You are welcome to participate. Seed distribution will be at (in person) and after (by mail) the March Cal Hort meeting. *It should be noted that the Seed Exchange is for current members only.*



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Monthly Plant Drawing News

Each month various nurseries and individual members donate plants for the plant drawing. Perhaps you sowed a few too many seeds, or rooted too many cuttings, or you need to divide some plants that have gotten too big for your garden. Here is your opportunity to find those plants some good homes

Monthly Plant Display and Discussion

While this January's meeting was different, each month there is a lively discussion about plants brought in by our members. It may be a well grown specimen or an unusual discovery, or a plant that has attributes that are not known by the main stream. If you are interested in participating, bring in a plant to show to the group. You can also donate this plant afterwards to the plant drawing.

To join the California Horticultural Society or to find out about a full range of membership levels, please visit our web site at www.calhortsociety.org.

The annual membership renewal letters were sent early November.

Questions from members about your membership?

Please address them to the Cal Hort membership chair:

Charlotte Masson, 579 Los Palomos Drive, San Francisco, CA 94127-2209.

The California Horticultural Society has maintained its quality programs because of the dedication of the volunteer officers, chairs and members. The future of the Society depends upon its member volunteers to provide leadership. The Board asks that members volunteer for positions to keep Cal Hort the best organization it can be.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

This notice is especially pertinent. Our long-time editor has resigned because of health reasons and will not be able to carry on with the editing and production of this Bulletin. If we do not have a volunteer, the Bulletin will be significantly reformatted to a 2 page notice and there is also the possibility that mail printed versions will no longer be offered.

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO BE EDITOR!!

Contact Steve Morse if you will consider volunteering for this position. He can be initially contacted via email at [s.j.morse at sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.j.morse@sbcglobal.net)

Deadline for publication in this Bulletin is the third Monday of each month for the following month's Bulletin; no Bulletin is published in December.

Events during the first ten days of the month should be submitted two months ahead.

Council

2015-2017 (First Term) Mark Delepine, Steve Morse, Andy Stone

2016-2018 (Second Term) Ellen Edelson, Charlotte Masson, Kristin Yanker-Hansen

2016-2018 (First Term) Mary Engle, Bart O'Brien, Arcangelo Wessells

Officers

President	Open
Vice President	Open
Recording Secretary	Mary Engle
Treasurer	Carl Meier
Parliamentarian	Open
Membership	Charlotte Masson

Again...Thank you to those who have renewed your membership.

If you have not sent your dues in, please remember to be included in the new updated roster, we must receive your dues by January 31. If you wish to receive a printed version of the bulletin by US mail, you must remit an additional \$20. to cover postage and printing.

Please keep us updated with any changes to your email addresses.