



# Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

<http://www.geocities.com/diablovios/>

October 2001

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## Program: “Low Energy Orchids” Weyman Bussey

### Meeting Date, Time and Location

**When: Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001  
Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM**

**Where: Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium  
1331 Concord Ave., Concord**

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## Upcoming Events: (topics in parenthesis)

### October

- 11 General meeting.  
Speaker: Weyman Bussey
- 18 Board Meeting @ Barbara Tague's

### December, 2001

- 13 DVOS Holiday Party

### November

- 8 General meeting  
Speaker: Francisco Miranda  
(Brazilian species)

## Weyman Bussey "Low Energy Orchids"

Born in Germany and raised in Florida, Weyman was a normal kid, until he collected his first orchid in the Big Cypress swamps at the age of 12. He grew up in the same town as Milton Carpenter and worked part time for Milton in his orchid business. Milton invited Weyman to Colombia, South America for the 7th W.O.C. when he was 17 and there he fell in love with the tropics. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1976, where he studied Botany and Ornamental Horticulture with his major professor Dr. Tom Sheehan. In 1980 he accepted a position with "the godfather of the flower industry" in Mexico and later, with a partner, formed a very successful flower operation called Rancho La Joya.

That lasted until 1989, when Weyman, growing bored of making money (for his partners), decided to make Save the Flora International to promote ecologically sustainable development and salvage some of the millions of orchid plants he had observed dying over his many travels around the country and the tropical world. He stirred up a lot of mud in Mexico, and with Fish and Wildlife in Washington, over a dam in Oaxaca, and was officially invited to stop his operations. Being the obedient fellow is, he did, and has spent the last twelve years recovering from his efforts to publicly try and help the environment. Meanwhile to make a living, he has continued to grow orchids, give talks and set up other orchid nurseries in Mexico, all told, four of the six existing today. The family, including two boys and his wife, Albaluz, live in Mission, Texas, where they have set up a small nursery, under the name of Abunda Flora, to distribute his plants from Mexico. Weyman claims to live in his pickup.

*Please see 'Weyman', Pg. 3*

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
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## DVOS STAFF

*President* - Dan Chiappone

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*Treasurer* - John Chamberlain

*AOS Rep.* - Barbara Tague

*BBQ* - George Kaplan

*Culture Sessions* - Pauline Brault

*Greenhouse Tours* - Open

*Historian* - Open

*Indoor/Outdoor Group* - Open

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*Welcome Hostess* - Madge Fordyce

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Juan Bofill; Charlotte Leong; Alice &  
David Tomassini

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# AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards  
Pacific Central Supplemental Center  
San Francisco, CA  
9/4/01

Name of plant: Blc. Pali Polka Dot 'Nalo'  
Parentage: Blc. Chinese Bronze x C. aclandiae  
Award: HCC 76  
Exhibitor: Fordyce Orchids

Name of plant: Bulbophyllum Jersey 'Marion'  
Parentage: Bulb. lobbii x Bulb. echinolabium  
Award: HCC 79  
Exhibitor: Dr. Gerardus B. Staal Peninsula Orchids

Name of plant: Slc. Red Jewel 'Earl'  
Parentage: Slc. Bright Angel x Slc. Tangerine Jewel  
Award: HCC 77  
Exhibitor: Don Leming Eddon Orchids

Name of plant: Kefersteinia bismarckii 'Stony Point'  
Parentage: species  
Award: HCC 75  
Exhibitor: Marni Turkel

Name of plant: Paph. tigrinum 'Laura'  
Parentage: species  
Award: CCM 84  
Exhibitor: Sherwood Orchids

Name of plant: Bulb. pleurothallidanthum 'Marion'  
Parentage: species  
Award: CBR (prov)  
Exhibitor: Dr. Gerardus B. Staal Peninsula Hybrids

Name of plant: Kefersteinia koechlinorum 'Stony Point'  
Parentage: species  
Award: CBR (prov)  
Exhibitor: Marni Turkel

*'Weyman', continued from Pg. 2*

An adventurer at heart, an orchidist to the core, professor of innovation and a great lecturer on Mexican orchids and tropical orchid growing with a minimum investment. Weyman says anybody can grow an orchid, especially if they have the right environment. I guess that's why he lives in the tropics? His notoriety even got him a brief mention in the *Orchid Thief*, the popular book by Susan Orleans. He claims he hadn't been in Florida for 4 years prior to his encounter with the author, because of his painful losses caused by Hurricane Andrew, and that he was entirely misquoted in the book. You'll have to come and see his presentation to judge for yourself.

## TOPIC: LOW ENERGY ORCHIDS

The title is a little misleading, but relative to reality in California. Not entirely a cost question, but instead a "will there be any energy at all?" question. In Mexico they think of energy measurements in terms of the emanations from the species. Something he might elaborate more on during the talk. You will receive a brief psychotherapeutic introduction, be asked to participate in the talk and be rewarded with floor prizes. Don't be shy or think you don't know anything, you'll get an easy to follow handout with all of the answers in it. The presentation will involve a short slide show of the basically easy to grow orchids which will do well in your area with a minimum of care. He will also introduce you to a number of other hybrid groups he's developed in Mexico, which were produced for the tropics, such as Tropical Flowering Cymbidiums. These are intermediate to miniature sized flowers which grow outdoors or under shade, withstanding high and low temperatures.

Finally you will be treated to a hands on demonstration of how to care for some of the more peculiar growing species and even be able to purchase plants mentioned in the talk at very reasonable prices to practice on yourself. As Weyman says "the company is not called ABUNDA FLORA for nothing!"

WEYMAN WILL PROVIDE THE RAFFLE TABLE AND BRING PLANTS FOR SALE. HE HAS A GREAT VARIETY OF VERY SPECIAL PLANTS.

- Kathy Barrett

- Pauline Brault

## A Plea for Housing

Our society will be bringing out-of-town speakers for your enjoyment during the month of November. Please see our schedule for the year in this newsletter. These speakers travel among three other Bay area societies to present their programs. During this time-frame we need to house them and usually their spouses/guests. We are asking for volunteers to house them for one or two nights (second Wednesday and possibly Thursday of the month) during their stay. If we cannot find volunteers the society will have to incur the cost of placing them in hotels, etc. This can be very costly. If you think you can accommodate some of them please let me know the dates/nights you can do so. Contact me (925)-943-2022 or e-mail me at Dchiapaj@aol.com. I'm certain the speakers will be very appreciative and I know the society definitely will.

Dan Chiappone

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## Refreshment Corner

A special thanks to **Charlotte Leong, Alice Tomassini** and **Clarence Parkison** for providing refreshments for our last meeting. A reminder for those who signed up for October meeting: **Alice Tomassini, Renate Johnson, Esther Yee, Akiko & Gene Ogawa, Charlotte Leong, Jeanette & Tom Bean, Jinnie Tom** and **Dan Chippone** (drinks). If you are unable to fulfil your commitment, please call me at 825-3959. Thank you

- Brenda Aday

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## Membership News

**Let's welcome our new members who joined DVOS in July and August!**

The membership for **CF Hawkins** and **Rusty Smart** from Concord was kindly sponsored by **Sybil Renee McGowan**. Welcome to DVOS! This brings our membership up to 109.

A note to our guests, who attended our general meetings prior to July 2001, please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participate in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues before the end of this month or just bring them to the next general meeting.

Please inform me of any changes in address, phone-, fax number or e-mail address so I can keep the data current. You can contact me by e-mail

[ulrikea@usa.net](mailto:ulrikea@usa.net)

or call me during the day at (510) 741-6762 or at (925) 830-8830 in the evening.

Ulrike Ahlborn  
Membership

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## Announcements

### Rod McLellan Botanicals Open House

Rod McLellan Botanicals, A division of Taisuco America Corp.

Saturday, Oct. 13 - 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

2352 San Juan Road

Aromas, CA 95004

Take Hwy 101 south, past Gilroy. Hwy 101 will run into San Juan Rd.

### Orchid Forum of Sacramento Show and Sale

Saturday, Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sacramento Garden and Arts Center

3330 McKinley Blvd.

Sacramento

More info:

Julia (916)991-1693

2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Madoleen (916) 338-0253

7:30-9:30 p.m. weekdays

## Next month's speaker: Francisco Miranda

Francisco has one of the best collection of Brazilian species and hybrids in the world and would be glad to bring along plant orders for our society members which would save the shipping charges. The following is his web site:

<http://www.mirandaorchids.com/>

Please note Francisco's e-mail and phone numbers are as follows:

E:mail: [fmiranda@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fmiranda@worldnet.att.net)

Phone number: 863-419-1591

- Pauline Brault

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### For Sale

Large side discharge swamp cooler, 4500 cfm, new motor included, delivery available, \$125.00. Please call Karen Moonitz at (925) 687-1461.

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## Results from the DVOS Competition

1st place

Blc. Dih Thuy 'Carmela's Orchids'  
owned by **Bernice Lindner**

2nd Place

C maxima  
owned by **Dick Emery** (collected in Peru)

3rd Place

Milt spectabilis  
Owned by **Barbara Tague**, (given to her by Bill Hetrick)

Lancer Smith Medallion  
Ornithocephalus species  
Owned by **Dick Emery**, collected by same



*First Place - owned by Bernice Lindner*



*Second Place - owned by Dick Emery*

*Please see 'DVOS Competition,' pg. 6*

## **AOS Judging Results Oakland, CA 9/17/01**



*Third place - owned by Barbara Tague*

Two awards went to **Frank Fordyce**:

An as yet un-named hybrid between Slc Seagull's Apricot and Blc Fordyce Fantasy got an HCC of 79 points and Slc. Seagull's Apricot (Slc California Apricot x S coccinea) got an HCC of 78 pts. This is the only one to flower as yellow, the rest of the cross was red to orange.



*Un-named hybrid - HCC of 79 points*



*Lancer Smith medallion - owned by Dick Emery*

- Kathy Barrett



*Slc. Seagull's Apricot - HCC of 78 points*

- Kathy Barrett

# DVOS Annual BBQ Highlights!!

Photos by Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlborn



*Sue Fordyce reads her poem*

*The bidders are all set...*



*Dennis Olivas, our auctioneer, regrets leaving his clothes at the cleaners.*



*Dan Chiappone wants to know who threw the orchid at him.*

**Livermore**

\*The Orchid Ranch\*;  
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659  
Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis  
Tonkins Orchids - Paphiodeilums

**Oakland**

\*Orchids Fiori D'Amore\*  
Paolo & Nina DiCandia  
510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

**Hawaii**

\*Yamada's Orchid Nursery\*  
Allen Yamada  
5087-A Kawaihau Rd.  
Kapaa, HI 96746

**Yuba City**

\*Orchid Obsession\*  
Brent & Toni Cushenbery  
1477 Oswald Rd., Yuba City, CA 95993  
916-673-6763

**Walnut Creek**

\*Orchid Gallery\*  
Jing Ho  
1501 N. California Blvd.

**Martinez**

\*MGM Orchids\*  
Mariano G Morales  
718 Main Street  
Martinez, CA. 94553

**San Leandro**

\*The Paph House\*  
Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan  
375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA  
510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

**Concord**

\*San Miguel Greenhouses\*  
Pamela Leaver  
936 San Miguel Rd.  
925-798-0476 (by appt. only)

**Concord**

Nathalie Smith  
1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904  
(by appt. only); orchid supplies

**Danville**

\*Commercial Plant Services\*  
David & Alice Tomassini  
3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630

**Half Moon Bay**

\*D & D Flowers\*  
Dennis Olivas; 62 Oceanside Dr.  
650-994-7465 (call in advance)

**Australia**

\*Adelaide Orchids\*  
Stephen and Robin Monkhouse  
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