



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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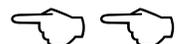
September 2001

Program: “Cats, Swans, and Goblins” George Carr

Meeting Date, Time and Location



**When: Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001 (NOTE DATE)
12:30 - 4:00 (NOTE TIME)**



Culture Session: Dan Newman “Fun with Osmunda Fiber”

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

Upcoming Events: (topics in parenthesis)

September

- 16 General meeting (Note Date and time)
Speaker: George Carr
- 20 Board Meeting @ Barbara Tague's

October

- 11 General meeting.
Speaker: Weyman Bussey

November

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

December, 2001

- 13 DVOS Holiday Party

President's Message

I want to thank everyone that helped and participated in our BBQ and auction last month. We had a good time, the food was great and it was very successful. I want to thank our members for bringing food, donating plants and helping with the setup and cleanup of the premises. I also want to thank commercial growers for donating plants. And a big round of applause to Dennis Olivas for another outstanding job as Auctioneer. We were entertained as well as excited as we bid for the terrific selection of plants provided. And last but not least a big thanks to Kathy Barrett who organized the event and was instrumental in the theme and the suckling pig.

The DVOS Board of directors has decided to change some of the parameters of the general meeting. These measures are being taken to try to speed up the meeting.

First, all culture sessions will start promptly at 7 pm*. Second, the general meeting will start promptly at 7:30 pm*. Third, if a speaker, vendors or members have plants to sell, be there at 6:45 pm* to review and purchase them. Fourth, please limit the number of plants to be placed on the display table per individual. If you have more than three plants to display please put them in one basket, container, etc. Then they will be described all at one time. Also try to limit your plants to FOUR. Fifth, NO eating or drinking in the meeting room. It's a requirement of the Water District building administration, who allow us to use the premises.

Dan Chiappone

**Ed. Note: The times mentioned in the above article do not apply to Sept. 's meeting!!*

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
OCT. NEWSLETTER
IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26**

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BBQ - George Kaplan

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Raffle/Other sales - Nancy Pak

Refreshments - Brenda Aday

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David Tomassini

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AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards
Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, CA
7/3/01

Paph. godefroyae var. *aureum* 'Palo Alto'
HCC 77 (prov)
Exhibitor: Elton Tang

Disa atricapilla 'Lafayette'
CBR (prov)
Exhibitor: Michael Gallagher

Den. cuthbertsonii 'Blush'
AM 82
Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

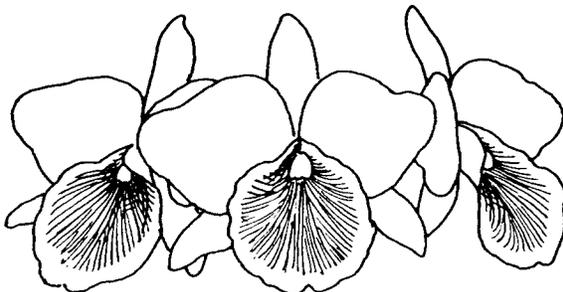
Den. cuthbertsonii 'Sheila'
FCC 90
Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

Promenaea *Limelight* 'Dogtown'
Am 80
Exhibitor: Musia Stagg

Lycaste denningiana 'ALII'
HCC 79
Exhibitor: Christian Tonsberg

Maxillaria molitor 'Sonoma'
CHM 82 (prov)
Exhibitor: Petite Plaisance

- Kathy Barrett



September's Speaker: George Carr "Cats, Swans, and Goblins"

Mr. Carr is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Florida North Central Judging Center in Tampa, Florida. He has been growing orchids for over twenty years. His interest in the genus *Cycnoches* began in 1993 when he asked to do his Student Judge research on the genus. His paper, *Cycnoches - One Hundred Sixty-five Years of Confusion* was completed and presented in 1995. In 1996, the paper was awarded the first American Orchid Society Education Certificate of Appreciation. Since then, he has continued his research and writings on the genus and the related genera of the subtribe *Catasetinae*. He has given a number of presentations on the subtribe including talks in Cali, Colombia in 1997, Piracanjuba, Brazil in May 2000, and at the Spring 2000 AOS Trustees meeting in Clearwater, Florida. He is the co-author of the description of a new species *Cycnoches barthiorum* G. Carr & E.A. Christenson that was published in the June 1999 issue of *Orchids*. His article, *The Cycnoches ventricosum Complex*, was published in the *Orchid Digest* issue for January, February, March 2000. His student paper can be found on the Florida North Central Judging Center website www.orchidjudges.org in the Student Papers section.

George Carr's program "Cats, Swans and Goblins" is an introduction to the five members of the subtribe *Catasetinae*, *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes*, *Clowesia* and *Dresssleria*. He will show a few slides of each species to illustrate their difference, as well as provide information on how to grow them.

RAFFLE PLANTS

Raffle plants will be provided from the fine collection of Ulrike Ahlbon and Nick Doe.

Pauline Brault

A Plea for Housing

Our society will be bringing out-of-town speakers for your enjoyment during the months of October and 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 Dchiapej@aol.com. I'm certain the speakers will be very appreciative and I know the society definitely will.

Dan Chiappone

Refreshment Corner

Brenda Aday, our refreshment chair, requests that all people who have signed up to bring refreshments in September, please bring them in October. If you are unable to make the change, please contact Brenda at (925) 825-3959.

Membership News

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

Karen & Mike Courville from Alamo, **Gloria DeForest** from Port Costa and **Michelle Smith** from Danville joined in July.

Carolyn Guy from Alamo and **Louis Miller** from Fremont came to our annual BBQ in August and became members of our society. The guest was **Sue Dirks**.

A note to our guests, who attended our general meetings prior to June 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 at ulrikea@usa.net or call me during the day at (510) 741-6762 or at (925) 830-8830 in the evening.

- Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership

Culture Session

SPEAKER: DAN NEWMAN

Osmunda fiber was the preferred potting medium of early orchid growers in Europe and the U.S. It retains air and moisture, resists salt buildup, and lasts longer than most other organic potting materials. Dan Newman will demonstrate his methods of using osmunda with orchids of various genera. Dan is a past president of the San Francisco Orchid Society and owner of Hanging Gardens nursery.

- Pauline Brault

Where can I get those cool coffee mugs that were at the BBQ?

Awake and Hungry!

Whimsical Orchid Gifts

Photos by Dale Borders, whimsy by Marianna Max
Available only on-line at:

<http://awakenhungry.homestead.com/mugshots.html>

Also available in T shirts, Sweat shirts, Hats, Boxers and Tote Bags

Just what did I miss by not going to the BBQ?

What can be said about Bob Van Galder's house that hasn't been said already? How about this: a guest's kid said "Man, this isn't someone's back yard... Its a jungle!" The shade under the oaks and cool breeze always makes a wonderful setting for our BBQ, and I appreciate Bob and Mary Lou hosting us. Everyone turned up in Hawaiian garb except one person who will remain nameless but whose initials are Barbara Tague. As punishment she had to wear clashing cheap leis... hmmm... wait a minute... we were all wearing clashing cheap leis... I'll have to rethink this...

The annual Lancer P. Smith BBQ was more of a picnic this year than a BBQ. This year the main course was catered. Pauline Brault knew the caterer, Dan Mirabel, who cooked up the tasty grilled chicken and the suckling pig, complete with head and apple in its mouth! I think the potluck items were better this year than last year. Is that a bad thing for me to say? I don't think so, I think you guys were just inspired! Perhaps the presence of a Hollywood movie star helped? 'Wilson' the volleyball, star of the movie 'Cast Away', really liked being our centerpiece. (I cried when he drifted out to sea in the movie...) I collected a few recipe cards, but don't be shy! I'd like yours too! Please bring them to the next meeting. Francisco tells me the recipe for the flan is a family secret, but give me a few weeks and I'll worm it out of him. And thanks, Tonkie, for knowing how to plate the flan!

Sue Fordyce and Juan & Tonkie Bofill got to Bob's before I did and started setting up for the event. They were quickly followed by Mark Rotter, Sybil Renee McGowan, Dave and Alice Tomassini, Nathalie Smith, Phyllis Arthur, and my right hand man - Nancy Pak. Nancy and Juan numbered all the items this year and we didn't have a double number in the lot! First time!! I know I've forgotten someone, its all a blur to me now! But thank you because you made my life easy.

Auctioneer Dennis Olivas was in his element. He actually wore the grass skirt I got him the whole time, did a little hula and sang a bit too! Assistant Dan Chiappone learned that if a phal is named Taisuco Snow then its a good bet its a white phal. Katy Quinn probably should get recognition for buying the largest plant we've ever auctioned, a specime- sized catt in a 10 or 12 inch basket. The plant runners Nancy Pak and Ulrike Ahlborn were efficient as always. Barbara Tague made all the auction plates this year and the tally sheets on which the ladies keep track of bidder #s, item #s and item prices. She, Phyllis Arthur and Alice Tomassini make that job look easy. We are lucky to have these folks run this each year. Nick Doe and Mark Rotter took photos the whole time, so expect pics in the newsletter and website. Both refused bribes to dump any embarrassing pictures.

Now - for the ultimate compliment - thanks to everyone for helping clean up! I mean it! You were all wonderful! All I know was by the time I figured out what to do with the left over sodas the place was cleaned up, tables and chairs put away and the trash just needed to be hauled out. (We can't leave trash at Bob's because the raccoons tear into it over night, make a ruckus and a mess.) My heroes were Linda Castleton and her husband. Linda helped dump the trash and her husband carried those heavy round tables up to the pool side. Karen Moonitz carted away the recyclables, and Dave Tomassini took the rest of the trash. I think it was the fastest easiest clean up we ever had. Thank you Thank you!!

Oh yeah, and we made \$2300 too. Once we get our insurance situation squared away we gotta go on a bus trip!!

- Kathy Barrett

Ed. Note: Due to lack of space, there won't be any incriminating photos in this month's newsletter - but never fear, they will show up!

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
586 El Capitan Dr.; 925-837-1780

Half Moon Bay

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

Australia

Adelaide Orchids
Stephen and Robin Monkhouse
16 Pine Road
Woodcroft, South Australia 5162



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**NOTE: MEETING DATE AND TIME
HAS BEEN CHANGED! (See details inside).**