



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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February 2002

Program: “Phragmipedium Culture” Rob Terry

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002

Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM

7:00 PM Culture Session - Kathy Barrett “Preparing plants for show”

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

Dinner with Rob Terry: 5:30 PM @ Spring Garden Restaurant
785 Oakgrove Rd., Concord

RSVP Charlotte (925) 833-0840 or e-mail CLLEONG@ATTBI.COM by 2/11/02

Upcoming Events: (topics in parenthesis)

February

- 14 General meeting
Speaker: Rob Terry
(Phragmipedium Culture)
- 28 Board meeting @ Barbara Tague's

March

- 14 General meeting
Speaker: Nick Burnett
(Seven ways to kill an orchid)

April

- 11 General meeting
DVOS Auction w/Dennis Olivas

June

- 13 General meeting
Speaker: Matt Swift (Tolumnias)

September - DVOS BBQ. Tentative dates:

- August 24
- September 7

October

- 10 General meeting
Speaker: Dr. Joanne Whitney
(How did it get that name?)

Message from the President

It's time again for the annual S.F. orchid show at Fort Mason. For new members who have never been, it is one of the largest orchid shows on the West Coast. It's like Disneyland for new orchid lovers. For that matter, I still get excited every year and this is my seventh show. For those who are collectors, this is an opportunity to purchase orchids from all over the U.S. and some other countries as well.

I encourage everyone, new or old members, to participate by bringing your blooming orchids to put in our display. If you cannot get to Fort Mason on the set-up day, you can take them to a drop-off point and someone will get them there for you.

Last year a few people were pleasantly surprised with winning major awards. It was fun to see those individuals get excited over their awards.

Hope to see you there.
David Tomassini

Upcoming Events

The 57th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, at the Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Building, Highway 101 and Los Positas Road, Santa Barbara. (805)687-0766

Show Time:

Friday - Sunday, March 8-10, 2002

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 2002 Preview gala benefit hosted by The Rehabilitation Institute of Santa Barbara

Enjoy all the shows, find all the plants that have been on your wish list and have fun!!!

Barbara Tague

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DVOS STAFF

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BBQ - Kathy Barret, Sue Fordyce

Culture Sessions - Charlotte Leong

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Historian - Nathalie Smith

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Raffle/Other sales - Nancy Pak

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S.F. Show - Ron Bettencourt

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Board Members - Kathy Barrett, Juan Bofill, Linda Daraskavich, Parky Parkison, Mark Rotter

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AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards
Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, CA
1/8/02

Dendrochilum philippinense
species

CCM 83 (prov)

CHM 81 (prov)

Hanging Gardens / Dan Newman

- Kathy Barrett

Refreshment Corner

Our refreshment table for January was enjoyed by all. Thanks to those members that made it possible. We would like to remind those who signed for February: **Jill Chambers, Betty Michaelson, Catherine Gardner, Jack Isacoff, Mercedes Bell, Linda Castleton, Parky Parkison and Gene and Akiko Ogawa.** Drinks will be provided by **James Clements and Tonky and Juan Bofill.** The Society is very appreciative of your generosity.

Linda Castleton
Antonieta Bofill

Board Meeting Date Change

Due to a conflict with Preview Night for the S.F. Orchid show, the date of the board meeting has been changed to Thursday, Feb. 28th. The location of the meeting hasn't changed: it's still at the residence of Barbara Tague.



*Let's
Eat!!!*

This Month's Speaker Rob Terry

Rob Terry has been growing orchids for ten years after getting started with a science fair project for his oldest daughter when she was in the eighth grade. It was a successful exploration into colchicine treatment of orchid seeds. One thing led to another and soon Rob purchased an orchid business, now called Sherwood Orchids; the previous owner wanted to move on to other, more important matters. Rob's primary interest is in the Lady Slipper orchids with most of his collection devoted to Paphs and Phrags. Rob is moving on towards more and more Phrags while exploring different opportunities in the orchid world.

Rob and his wife are in the process of building a new, larger greenhouse for their expanding collection, and have numerous stories to tell about the trials and tribulations of greenhouse construction. However, this lecture is intended to give the listener all the basic information on how to grow Phragmipediums very successfully. Bring your pencil and paper to jot down the secrets he will share with you. If you snooze you lose.

Culture News

In January Dennis Olivas gave an informative demonstration on transplanting paphiopedilums. The following are some of the highlights from his presentation:

Dennis uses fine seedling bark and #3 perlite in a 4:1 ratio. He adjusts his media to accommodate his once a week watering schedule. If a plant tends to need watering more frequently, he will apply a layer of chopped sphagnum moss to the top to keep it moist longer and accommodate weekly watering.

Dennis recommends repotting once a year. New roots start to develop after the flower

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Membership News

Our new members are: **Mercedes Bell** from Concord, **Jeannie & Darryl Dodson-Edgars** from Danville and **Akiko & Gene Ogawa** from San Ramon.

Guests at the January General Meeting were Lorraine and Dick Hyland and Maxine Potts. A warm Welcome to all!

I want to thank all of our members who have promptly sent in their dues for 2002. You don't remember if you sent in your check yet? Then please look at the address label of this newsletter. If you see 2001 next to your name, it means that your membership for the year 2002 is due. I will be away on business and cannot attend the February meeting. But I plan on having the 2002 roster printed by the beginning of March. If your dues have not been received by February 21st, your name will not be in it, nor will you receive the March newsletter.

The membership fee is still \$15 for one and \$25 for two years. If you are an out of state member who would like to renew and receive the monthly newsletter, we ask you for \$10. Please, fill out the attached renewal form and send it together with your check to

Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Court
San Ramon, CA 94583

Or, you can give it to one of the officers at the February meeting.

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting prior to December 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 February or just bring them to the February meeting.

I want to produce an up-to-date roster, so please let me know if I spelled your name wrong or you changed

your address, phone-, fax number and e-mail provider. Please send a short message to ulrikea@usa.net, so I will not forget to add you to my address book.

You can also reach me by phone during the day at (510) 741-6762 or in the evening at (925) 830-8830.

Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership Chair

The S.F. Orchid Show

Once again it's orchid time! The San Francisco Orchid Society will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary with this year's Pacific Orchid Exposition - A Night in the Tropics. This event promises to be nothing short of spectacular, with 25 participating wineries and exotic trip giveaways, not to mention the more than 100,000 orchid plants that will be on display. Our society will be exhibiting our award winning display, and competing with other visiting societies for the cash prize.

The show will be at Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco.

Benefit Preview Night, Thursday Feb. 21, 2002,
6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb 22, 2002, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 23, 2002, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 24, 2002, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barbara Tague



Karen and Ken Moonitz enjoying the party

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has dropped, so he recommends repotting when the plant has finished blooming.

Remember, when trying new culture methods to only test it on a few plants first. Watch them carefully in case your results are not as successful.

Next month, Kathy Barrett will give tips on preparing your plant for show. This should help us prepare our plants for the upcoming San Francisco Orchid Show.

Remember, culture sessions start at 7 PM. See you there!

- Charlotte Leong

Results from the DVOS Competition

1st Place

Mercedes Bell

Lycaste skinneri campala

2nd Place

Karen Moonitz

Phaphiopedilum lowii

3rd Place

Barbara Tague

Paphiopedilum peralta "Tiger" (see photo)



Look What I Bloomed For the First Time

Sybil McGowan

Paph. Seedling primulinum x Mem. Toshio Miyata

Lancer Smith Award

Nancy Pak

Encyclia bracteata

The 2001 "Most Awarded Plants" trophy goes to

Bernice Lindner.

Current and Upcoming Speakers

We were treated by a Fordyce team presentation. Once again, Sue Fordyce made learning a difficult and tedious topic enjoyable. So now we know that some of the mischief you can create with registering orchid names. For example, if you crossed Paph. Armchair Adventure with Paph. Pittlands x Paph. Melody Woods you could name the progeny Paph. Armpit Melody. This is just one more reason to be nice to hybridizers :o)

In the second part of the presentation, Frank wowed us with a slide show of his recent hybridizing results. Watch for his 'Circle of Life' varietals for they are superb.

For those of you who receive the 'Orchid Digest', take a look at Frank's published article on the history of Cattleya hybrids in the Jan.-Feb.-Mar. issue. (Thanks to Alice Tomassini for pointing this out.). See, you are rubbing elbows with celebrities and don't even know it.

Next month Rob Terry owner of Sherwood Orchids and a member of

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the Sonoma County Orchid Society will discuss Phragmipedium Culture. See this newsletter for his biography. This is one presentation you won't want to miss. Rob will also provide the raffle table plants. His plants are well sought after. So be sure to buy plenty of raffle tickets.

In March, we are fortunate to have Nick Burnett, an AOS judge and member of the Sacramento Orchid Society, tell us about '7 Ways to Kill an Orchid' For some of us, myself included, some of the killing methods just come naturally :oP

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. I'll be tapping more of you to present the culture sessions. So if you see me coming, have your topic ready!

Charlotte Leong

Yummy Recipes

Ah!! Winter's here and we're freezing! Remember Summer? Remember the wonderful warm day of the DVOS BBQ? Remember I said I'd share recipes? Well here are some more! - Kathy Barrett

Francisco Baptista's Portuguese Milk Pudding (Very much like Flan)

1 liter milk
12 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 grated rind of lemon (fresh)

1 1/2 cups melted sugar to coat the bottom of the mold

Mix ingredients by hand (do not use mixer). Use a round baking mold with a center hole. Coat the inside of the mold with the melted sugar, do not let the sugar get cold. Put the mixed ingredients into mold and place into a deep baking pan with about

1 1/2 inches of water in pan.

Bake in 400F oven for 1 hour and cool for about five minutes; then place in refrigerator overnight.

Prepare for serving by turning over onto a serving plate.

CALICO BEANS

The recipe came without a name, and [blush] I forgot who gave it to me, so please tell me and I'll announce it at the meeting!! You should get credit!!

1/2 pound hamburger
1/2 pound bacon (cut up)
1/2 c. chopped onion
1 tsp salt
1 tsp mustard
2 tsp vinegar
3/4 c brown sugar
1 can kidney beans
1 can pork n beans
1 can lima (or butter) beans
1 c (or less) water

Cook burger and bacon till done, add onions and cook till clear. Add other ingredients and bake at 350 F for 40 minutes.



Let the secret initiation rites begin!!!

The S.F. Orchid Show Call for Volunteers!!

Once again DVOS will create a display for the San Francisco Orchid Show. DVOS has created award-winning displays for several years in a row. Come help us create our version of 'Night in the Tropics'. No experience nor talents needed. We will train you on the spot! We need people to write labels, set-up props, etc. If you can help, just come to Fort Mason on Wed. Feb. 20, 2002. Doors officially open for set-up at noon. We are usually there until 10 PM setting up, so if you're available to give a hand, drop by when you can. If you can't help, but have blooming orchids we can use in our display, please bring them to Fort Mason by 2 PM on set-up day (Wed. 2/20). Or you can drop off plants at one of our drop off locations:

1. The Bofill's home at 1631 Stanmore Dr. in Pleasant Hill; phone - 925-609-8443.
2. The Rotter's home at 7489 Hillsboro Ave., San Ramon; phone 925-833-3787.

Be sure to call first to see if anyone is home to receive your plants.

If you are planning to loan a plant(s) to the show, here are some things to note: 1) Do not put plants in baskets or special containers unless they are needed to prop up the plants. 2) All supports need to be natural material like bamboo (no metal or plastic). 3) Plants should be clean and bug-free. 4) Trim and remove any blackened or discolored spots. 5) Put your name on the pot with the help of a piece of masking tape (also put one on the bottom in case the one on the side falls off). 6) Bring a list of the plants you've brought so that we can keep track of what you've loaned. 7) Shine leaves using milk.

Ron Bettencourt



Sue Fordyce and Kathy Barrett regale us with one of their wonderful songs.



Tom Bean and Ulrike Ahlborn at the party

More Photos From the 2001 DVOS Holiday Party....



*Dave Tomassini modeling the required outfit
for President*



*Juan and Tonky Bofill - coming or going?
You decide...*

Great flowers!!!



Great Food!!!



Great Drink!!!



And Great Friends!!

*I'm the
president of
what!??*

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
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Danville

Commercial Plant Services
David & Alice Tomassini
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