

Diablo View Orchid Society

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a 501c3 corporation

Dinner with the speaker @ 5:30PM

Meeting Starts @ 7:30

Speaker Starts @ 8:30

January 8, 2004

Understanding Novelty Phalaenopsis

Scott Collins

We are getting the year started with a great topic. Phalaenopsis. Which of us hasn't tried our hand at the lovely Moth Orchid?

Scott will discuss the origins of 'novelty' phalaenopsis, their distinguishing characteristics, and species that makes up their hybrids. He plans on spending time on their culture, and show slides of some of the 'grand old' hybrids as well as the newer hybrids. That way we'll know what to look for at the San Francisco Show! **G**

Scott Collins is the owner of Echo Valley Orchids, in Salinas, Ca. The nursery has been growing, showing and breeding Phalaenopsis and many other genera for 20years. Over the years they have received over 70 AOS flower quality and cultural awards for their plants. Many of Scott's hybrids have also received recognition by the AOS, as well.

Scott is an accredited orchid judge of the American Orchid society and has held the position of Vice Chairman of the Pacific Central Judging Region for the past two years.

He has had the great opportunity to speak about Phalaenopsis to a very wide audience including programs at all the local northern California societies, British Columbia, The International Phalaenopsis Alliance meetings in New York and Los Angeles, as well as the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver, B.C.

Scott will also provide luscious phals for the Raffle Table (pant, pant!!) Need I say more?? Of course I need to say more! He'll have some of these lovely phals for sale too! So you have no excuse not to come to this meeting. It'll be great to finally get a definition of 'novelty' if nothing else!

DJ's Bistro – Austrian Czechoslovakian food

1825 Sutter Street, Concord 825-3277

Dinner Menu costs \$15, incl tip. Wine/Beer extra

If you want to eat, call Kathy 370-6520

Next Board Meeting January 15th 2004

Alice Tomassini's House

3 Woodside Court, Danville (925) 648-7667

(you can come too!)

Refreshment Corner

A New Year begins and a new administration takes over the duties of the Refreshment Corner. As we pass the baton, we want to express our appreciation to all of those who helped us throughout the year to setup and cleanup. We hope you will continue to be there to help the new team. We also want to thank those who brought so many wonderful dishes and deserts for the Christmas Party.

We couldn't go away without reminding those that signed up to bring food and beverages to our January meeting. They are: **Alice Tomassini, Madge Fordyce, Barbara Tague, Zack Bjornson-Hooper, Naomi Chamberlain, Sharon Duffy, Bernice Lindner and Renate Johnson.** Beverages will be provided by: **Dave Altman and Eileen Jackson.**

If, for whatever reason, any of you cannot attend the January meeting, please call David Dunn, our new 'Mr. Refreshments' at (925) 969-1246 in advance of the meeting.

Tonky Bofill
Esther Yee

DVOS DOERS

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December Show Table Results

1 – Rhyncostylis gigantea – Nancy Pak
2 – Paph. St. Swithin 'Madge' – Fordyces
3 – C. bowringiana var. coerulea x C Portia coerulean form – Beacon & Loretta Lum
No LWIBFTVFT
No Lancer Smith Medallion

\$50 Prize for best dressed orchid basket Alice Tomassini for 'Nemo's First Christmas'

The Judges the judges were Giovanna L. Deem, Marcia Hart, and Veronica Bettancourt. We **know** Veronica didn't have any of Daddy Ron's Egg Nog, but we can't speak for Gi or Marcia (hic).

AOS Awards – December 2003

San Francisco – 12/2/03

- Paph fairrieanum 'Elven Queen' HCC 76 Exhibited by Tom Merics
- Paph primulinum var flavum 'Fumiko Ota' Exhibited by Walter Shinn HCC 76

Oakland – 12/15/03

- Oda. Unnamed hybrid 'Tamara' HCC 76 Exhibited by Dennis Olivas
- Paph Paul Parks 'JR', HCC 76 Exhibited by Jerry & Jill Rodder
- Slc. Circle of Life ' ' HCC 76 Exhibited by Rob Terry (Feb.'s Speaker!)

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Membership News

Annual dues are now due! If your mailing label has the year 2003 or older on it then your membership has expired and your 2004 dues are payable. Please send your check along with the membership form to:

Diablo View Orchid Society
c/o Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Court
San Ramon, CA 94583-2116
Membership@DVOS.org

Make your check out to Diablo View Orchid Society

This and That

Lots of useful stuff can be found in the reptile aisle at pet markets. Coir is used for reptile bedding & must be soaked extra well if used as orchid medium. Fine charcoal can also be found there. Hygrometer and hygro/thermometer unit at a reasonable price. Ultrasonic fog generator which is a little membrane in this device smaller than a fist causes the water to dissipate in a very, very fine mist. It can put it on a timer. The various local reptile businesses also have water filters to purify tap water for your orchids, should you not want to invest the \$\$ on a reverse osmosis system.

Aquarium stores are great places to find compact fluorescent lights for growing orchids. You don't necessarily need huge 4' shop lights anymore. These smaller fluorescents can be equipped with ballasts that can be 'overdriven' to provide higher output. Check online: <http://www.hellolights.com/> and <http://www.marinedepot.com/>

At Radio Shack CPU fans can make small fans for aquarium Wardian cases. They also sell min/max thermometers as well as humidity gauges, even the ones that broadcast from a remote station .

Fordyce Orchids is a source for greenhouse kits, both lean-to and freestanding in many of the common sizes and many of the common sidings.

Additionally, don't forget to look at the Costco website (costco.com). They have a zero waste reverse osmosis unit. They have back-up generators and 'guillotine' switches so the units automatically come on when the power goes out.

Grainger's (grainger.com) is a source for many items like thermostats, replacement parts for natural gas heaters, and since they are local you can go over and pick up these items. Located off Hwy 4 in Concord, check the Yellow Pages for phone # and address.

Since (one of these days) spring and summer will return, keep your eyes peeled for swamp coolers (the exact same brand that Charlie's GH sells for \$600) at Home Depot costing \$200-300.

In Memorium

The Diablo View Orchid Society has one fewer member as we come into the New Year. Jeff Walpole passed away Nov. 23 from a heart attack. Jeff lived in Vallejo, and was starting his own business in Real Estate loans. Our fellow member, Taka Okajima, survives him. Taka may or may not be at the January meeting. Any cards can be sent to 819 Kentucky Street, Vallejo, Ca. 94590.

Upcoming Events

Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale Jan 2&3
Communities Activities Bldg. 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Redwood City. \$5

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale Feb 7&8
Soquel High School 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel.

Pacific Orchid Exposition – San Francisco Show & Sale
Feb 19 (Preview Party) 20, 21, 22. Hall of Flowers, Ft Mason Center. \$10-25.

San Francisco Show Meeting

The first meeting for building the DVOS display for the upcoming Pacific Orchid exposition has already been held, but I'm sure the group could use a hand. I don't recall the theme, but the dates for the show are listed above. Usually the group has several tasks that can be delegated to any soul handy with a paintbrush or willing to staple, glue or nail backdrops.

Please call Ron Bettancourt (829- 2608) or Alice Tomassini (648-7667) for more information as well as dates and times for their next meeting.

Please Update Your Address

Please fill out the membership form attached to the back of this newsletter. We all saw that our President hadn't updated his info for a while and so was unable to receive his newsletter!! I also took the liberty of adding a list of club activities that you may be interested in helping out with. This could be for present activities, or future ones. Give us a hint of what you'd like to help with.



The Singing Reindeers
“We Wish You A Merry Christmas”

From L: Frank Fordyce, Phyllis Arthur, Diana Vavrek, Mary Lou Van Galder, Tinkle the Elf, Sue Fordyce.

Below: Sue Fordyce and Tinkle the Elf (Madge Fordyce)

Below: Sue and Santa!! (Frank Fordyce)



Photos by Alice Tomassini!

Local Vendors**Livermore**

The Orchid Ranch

Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659

<http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis

Tonkins Orchids – Paphiopedilums

Oakland

Orchids Fiori D. Amore

Paolo & Nina DiCandia

510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

Walnut Creek

Orchid Gallery

Jing Ho

1501 N. California Blvd.

Vallejo

MGM Orchids Mariano G Morales

(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)

San Francisco

White Oak Orchids www.whiteoakorchids.com

324 Havelock St (behind SFCC)

415-584-8767 (by appt. only)

San Leandro

The Paph House

Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan

375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA

510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

Lafayette

Diablo Disas <http://www.disas.com>

Michael Gallagher

3 Maloyan Lane

925-283-8450 (by appt. only)

Danville

Commercial Plant Services

David & Alice Tomassini

3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630

Half Moon Bay

D & D Flowers

Greenhouse located in Half Moon Bay

(925) 969-1246 (by appt. only)

Australia

Adelaide Orchids <http://www.adelaideorchids.com>

Stephen and Robin Monkhouse

16 Pine Road

Woodcroft, South Australia 5162



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Kathy Barrett, editor

280 Fernwood Drive

Pleasant Hill, Ca. 94523

Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

Single/Family \$15 (___), Two-years \$25(___), Life \$300 (___)
(Please note, all memberships run January 1 to December 31)

PLEASE PRINT

New (___), Renewal (___)

Date: _____

Principal Member: _____ Orchid Digest Member Y/N(___)
AOS Member Y/N(___)

Resident/Family Member: _____

Mailing Address (Must fill in)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ - _____ Home Fax (Opt): (____) _____ - _____

Work (Opt): (____) _____ - _____ Car/Cellular (Opt):(____) _____ - _____

E-Mail address: _____

Web Page (Opt.): _____

Profession (Opt): _____

Cultivation (Check all that apply):

Indoor (___), Outdoor (___), Greenhouse (___), Hobbyist (___), Commercial (___)

I would like to participate in present or future (Circle all that apply):

Elected Office (Y/N)

DVOS SHOW (October) Planning Committee (Y/N) Working the show (Y/N)

San Francisco SHOW (Feb) Planning Committee (Y/N) Building Committee (Y/N)

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| Committees: Equipment (Y/N) | Greenhouse Tours (Y/N) | Refreshment (Y/N) | Welcome/Hostess (Y/N) |
| Advertising (Y/N) | Board of Directors (Y/N) | BBQ (Y/N) | Library (Y/N) |
| Procurement (Y/N) | Raffle/Sales (Y/N) | Xmas Party (Y/N) | Newsletter (Y/N) |
| Overnight Host for Out of Town Speakers. (Y/N) | | | |

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