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May 12, 2005

5:30 Speaker's Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Starts, Presentation ~8:00

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

Chinese Cymbidiums: Culture and Transplanting Paul Chim of May On Nursery

Cymbidium lovers and non-cymbidium lovers can agree on the graceful beauty of Chinese cymbidiums and the sweet fragrance. This month's speaker has been growing cymbidiums for over 40 years. He is a co-founder of the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society. He has served as past president for several orchid societies including San Francisco Orchid Society, the Orchid Society of California, to name a few. He is an accredited Cymbidium Society of America judge and serves as the head judge for the Pacific Central area. Paul specializes in cool growing orchids, both species and hybrids. For a good number of years, Paul has led orchid groups into China, and other areas in the South Asian region. If you do not attend you'll miss an excellent presentation with valuable information. Bring your raffle money and some extra to purchase plants that Paul will bring for sale.

\$250.00 Plant Table by Paul Chim

5:30 p.m. dinner at:

Three Brothers From China
2001 Contra Costa Blvd., A-50
Pleasant Hill
(925) 838-2232

Paul will bring plants to sell.

The next Board Meeting is at the Dunn/Olivas Resident at 7:30 a.m. on May 19.

Future 2005 DVOS Speakers:

June 9th: Sue Fordyce
Miniature Cattleya culture, transplanting and current Fordyce Orchids hybrids.
July 14th : To be announced....
August 11th: Dan Newman
Pleurothallids Culture and transplanting (will include warmer growing species)
September 8th: Fred Clarke (tentative)
October 13th: Carson Whitlow
November 10th: Dennis Olivas on Orchid General Culture (101)
December 8th:
Annual X-mas Party
DVOS Speakers for 2006
January 12th: Sheldon Takasaki

**April 14, 2005 DVOS
Monthly Meeting Plant Display Award Winners**

- 1st Place: Dendrobium aggregatum
Bernice Lindner
- 2nd Place: Brassia Rex 'Sakata' AM/AOS
Eileen Jackson
- 3rd Place: Cymbidium May Borrows
Phyllis Arthur
- Lance Smith Medallion: Restrepia sanguinea
Parky Parkinson

Look What I Bloomed For the Very First Time:
Cymbidium Via Loch Reposo 'Pixie Gold'

Ken and Renee Dowdell

Refreshments for May 12, 2005

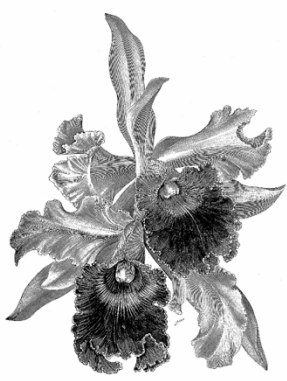
Evelyne Powell, Dave Shaw, Shirley Kerr,
Parky Parkison, Alice Tomassini, Claire
Conger, Kathy Ames

Beverages:

Nancy Harvey, Ken & Renee Dowdell



Photo by Roy Florey



The Orchid Society of California

www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com

Oakland, California

You are cordially invited...

The 2005 Mother's Day Show & Sale will be held on Saturday & Sunday, May 7 & 8, at the Lakeside Garden Center in Lake Merritt Park in Oakland. Hours are 9 AM - 5 PM.

Admission is free, and a wide variety of blooming plants, culture supplies, and gifts will be for sale.

Print out this announcement and get 5 % off of any purchase of \$50 or more!

The Orchid Society of California is dedicated to the culture, protection and appreciation of orchids all over the world. Please join us on May 7 & 8!

Membership News

New Member:

A warm welcome to **Evelyn Powell** from Walnut Creek, who joined DVOS in April. Membership count is 91.

Guests at the April meeting were: James Christensen from Danville and Warren Taylor from Concord.

The Membership Roster for 2005 is out.

If you would like to receive a roster, please contact me and I have one ready for you at the next meeting or sent by mail for out of state members. When you find any error in the roster please let me know so I can correct it.

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting in March 2005: please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participation in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues or give them to any DVOS officer at the next general meeting.

You may send your check with the application/renewal form to

Diablo View Orchid Society
Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Court
San Ramon, CA 94583-2116

APRIL SPEAKER RECAP

So you have thought it all out and have decided to build that new addition to your estate ... a greenhouse.

Most people would start with finding the perfect location. To select your site, the best placement is determined with the help of a Ouija board. However, Joe Grillo, the man in charge of the lecture, says that the best source for determining where to put the greenhouse is his wife. She will tell him exactly where to put it, or more specifically, exactly where it can't go.

Those of you with an engineering background would think that the logical place to start with is with the foundation. Start by digging deep, deep into your pocketbook, and figure out how much dinero you've got for the project. HINT ... You will need the help of Ben Franklin and his clones. Finance, not foundation - that's where you start!

So, let's go with the short list for the Joe Grillo Biodome of Orinda.

1 greenhouse @ \$3800

1 fogger @ \$900

1 electric heater @ \$50

5 fans @ \$125

1 swamp cooler @ \$300

Plus max/min thermometer, concrete pavers, misters, shade cloth, benches, plumbing, electrical, boards for knee drop, 6x6 timbers, pea gravel, automatic vents, humidistat, and temperature controller.

Add it all up and this little greenhouse project is going to cost more than it took Michael Jackson to quiet down those kids at the Neverland Ranch.

So, why create this 10'x12' living space with constant 55% humidity, temperature range of 60 - 75°F, and filtered light? Joe put it perfectly. It is a refuge, pure Zen, nirvana, peace, a gestalt moment, a limbic system crescendo. And ... its all yours.

Thanks again Joe.....

Brad Piini



Joe Grillo (file photo)
Photographer Roy Florey

Award Guidelines

For the Monthly General Meeting Awards:

Any DVOS member is eligible for the **First, Second and Third** Place ribbon awards. This does not count towards an individual's status of being an orchid grower in the **Novice, Intermediate, Advance and Open** show categories.

The Lancer Smith Medallion Award is award to the grower, a DVOS member, of an orchid plant in bloom that is considered a botanical plant. The society's definition of botanical is species of small flowers on small growth such as Tolumnia (equitant oncidiums), pleurothallid species less than 8 inches tall including the inflorescence and flowers less than 1 inch in diameter. This award does not change an individual status for show categories.

Look What I've Bloomed for the First Time is awarded to a DVOS member whose show category status is a **Novice**.

For the Annual Show Category Status:

Show Trophy is defined as Best of Class Award or any perpetual trophy awards won by an individual at orchid shows throughout the world. This is cumulative and we will not police this with an iron hand. We expect our membership to be fair and honest about their classification and if in doubt, please ask the DVOS Show Chair or the Board of Directors.

Novice is one who has never won a show trophy or has won up to 3 trophies.

Intermediate is one who has won 4 to 10 trophies.

Advance is one who has won 11 or more trophies.

Open is as stated and any member of the DVOS can enter this category. If you feel you can beat the competition, which also includes commercial growers, than you may enter your blooming orchid in this category. You may not enter your plant in the open category and also cross enter it the novice, intermediate and advance categories. This category also includes commercial growers, vendors with commercial license, or anyone sells orchids at individual sales booths at orchid shows, flea markets, and farmer markets or general public special events. This does not include Orchid Society Membership sales tables at monthly meetings, shows and orchid society special events.

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)

Pacifica

White Oak Orchids *Specializing in the Weird and Wonderful*

Pacifica CA USA 94404 (650)355-8767 information

www.whiteoakorchids.com 1-888-672-4432 Toll-Free Order line

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)

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