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

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

The Genus Dendrobium Presentation by Scott Dallas

Scott Dallas has loved and grown orchids for 31 years. He fell into the early stages of the orchid collecting bug with Cattleya species. Soon thereafter, Miltonias and Paphiopedilums were added to the "must have" list. One species led to another great hybrid and soon Scott found himself in the business of growing orchids professionally. Scott has been President and has held many other offices for the Peninsula Orchid Society in San Mateo.

Gwen Watson fell under the spell of a pink Cattleya as a teenager visiting a conservatory for the first time. In addition to a fascination with growing orchids, Gwen also has created a large photography portfolio of orchids.

Being true farmers, Scott and Gwen practice not only agriculture but husbandry as well. Gwen founded the Iambe Cattery several years ago. Iambe specializes in the clowns of the cat world, European Burmese. The kitten photo on the opening page of the White Oak web site will provide more information.

Scott will educate us on the Genus Dendrobium. This will be cultural and questions & answer session ending with a quick slide program.

Raffle table will be provided by White Oak Orchids.

The dinner with the speaker, Scott Dallas, will be at 5.30pm at the Black Angus Steak House, 3195 N Main, Pleasant Hill. Please contact Eileen Jackson if you would like to join us. 707-642-5915 or jackson.eileen@att.net. It is very helpful to know how many people are coming so the first people there can ask for a table to accommodate everyone.

The next board meeting will be Thursday February 23rd 7-30pm at Brian Wraxall's House (El Sobrante)

<p>Speakers for 2006:</p> <p>January 12th - Fred Shull on Brazillian Laelias</p> <p>February 9th - Scott Dallas on Dendrobiums</p> <p>March 9th - Marni Turkel on Dendrochilums, Cologene and related species</p> <p>April 13th - Bad Plants – Workshop with Kathy Barrett & Dennis Olivas</p> <p>May 11th - Dennis Olivas – All you wanted to know about transplanting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Show & Tell Table</u> <u>January Winners</u></p> <p>1st. Place Kathy Barrett Potinara Egyptian Queen</p> <p>2nd.Place Dave Tomassini Paph. vilosum</p> <p>3rd.Place Susan Fetter Blc.Mission Valley</p> <p>Lancer Smith: Dave Tomassini Maxillaria variabilis</p> <p>Look What I Bloomed For The First Time: Renate Johnson Paph. Valerie Tonkin</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments for February 06</p> <p>Jeanette Bean, Renate Johnson, Jamie Wasson, Eileen Jackson, Noble Emory, Betty Michaelson, Ken & Renee Dowdell, Kathi Ames</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beverages</p> <p>Beacon Lum, Jill Chambers and Bernice Lindner</p>	<p>Editor's note: I apologize for the lack of photos this month. My camera with photos from last month is currently on the other side of the earth but soon to return. See you next meeting.</p> <p>Editor</p>

January Recap

On January 12th Fred Shull was our guest speaker. Fred gave a nice short talk and slide show on laelias. Thanks to Fred generously putting a quarter of his greenhouse on the raffle table, the raffle lasted as long as the lecture.

Fred explained that he had been an orchid grower for over 50 years. He makes an annual trip to Brazil to check out the orchids and some young Brazilian lady that was in several of the slides. GO FRED !! Fred says that the difference between laelias and cattleyas are virtually indistinguishable except if you look at the pollinia. The what? Pollinia- the hardened, coherent mass of individual pollen grains often with a stalk bearing an adhesive disk that sticks to pollinators, transported as a whole during pollination: characteristic of plants such as orchids and milk weeds. I guess this is like looking between their legs to see what's up. Anyway Fred can tell exactly who's who by checking this out. On laelias there are 8 pollinea and on cattleyas there are only 4.

Back to the show. Fred's personal collection includes laelias from Mexico and Brazil. Many of the Mexican laelias can be grown outdoors in Northern California and will withstand the cold winter temperatures as long as they are kept dry. Some of the laelias shown grow right out of the rocks and are called lithophytic orchids. Thanks again Fred. **Brad**

San Francisco Orchid Show Pacific Orchid Exposition

Attention All Members

Please plan to bring your blooming orchids to put in the DVOS display to the general meeting on February 9th. If you can leave them after the meeting, David Tomassini will keep them at his warehouse and transport them to the S.F. Show.

Please be sure to tape your name to the bottom of the grow pot. Do not bring them in baskets or decorative pots – or they may get lost. Please be sure your plants are staked (no metal), insect-free and clean.

Plants labeled with the plant type and name will be entered for judging.

If you cannot bring your plant(s) to the general meeting, the following are

Alternative Drop off Locations and Dates:

Sharon Duffy's home : 757 Grayson Rd. – Pleasant Hill – through Sat., Feb. 11

Call Sharon at 932-0691 to arrange for drop off day and time.

Tomassini Warehouse: 3 Woodside Ct. – Danville – on Sat., Feb. 11th

The show committee will be working on the display most of the day. You can drop off plants between 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Warehouse is located left of the house, behind garage.

On Saturday, number to call is 872-4099.

If you want to bring your plants to the Tomassinis **between Friday, Feb. 10th through Tuesday, Feb. 14th** – call 648-7667 to arrange for day and time to drop off.

Fort Mason Center – San Francisco – Set up day – **Wednesday, February 15th.**

Doors open at 12:00 noon. Plants need to be at our display **no later than 4:00pm**

Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to our new member Jean Keim from Concord who joined in January.

The guests at the January meeting were: Amy & Ken Jacobsen from San Carlos, Mimi Tsang from Pleasant Hill, and Joel Bollinger from Fieldbrook

Membership dues for 2006 are due!

Hopefully all of the 102 members join DVOS again in 2006. General Membership is \$15, Business \$25 (The Board decided to no longer offer the slight reduction of 2 years for \$25.) About 60 % of last years members paid their dues for 2006. If you are not sure if you have already paid your dues for 2006, feel free to send me an email or give me a call. Please be so kind and fill out the renewal form for me. This is my best chance to keep our database up to date and find minor errors or changes. Please be careful when you enter your email address. I had a few instances when messages bounced back, because there were minor errors and I had to call for corrections. We will send everyone with an e-mail address the link to the newsletter rather than send it by mail. This saves a lot of paper, copy and collating time and postage. Just ask Roy the newsletter editor. Think about doing your little part for saving a tree. If you have email but absolutely want the newsletter send to you by mail, please let me know.

Bring your check made out to DVOS with renewal form to the next meeting on January 12, 2005 or mail to

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DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

1. Any current Diablo View Orchid Society member may check out books and other materials from the DVOS library. Limit is two items.
2. Materials may be checked out for a period of one month, or until the next general meeting. If unable to return materials by due date they may be returned to any board member or officer, or contact librarian for possible extension.
A fee of \$1.00 will be assessed for each month a book is overdue for return.
3. The borrower is responsible for full replacement cost of materials that are seriously damaged or not returned.
NOTE: Many books go quickly out of print and replacement may be difficult and expensive.
4. To check out a book, sign and date the book card found in pocket inside front cover. Place card in file box next to book display. Remember to fill in the due date on form provided inside the front cover. Magazines are signed out in red folder (no file card) and are due in one month. Cards for videos are found inside the case.
5. When returning items, please be sure that librarian notes the return and removes your name from the corresponding checkout card.
6. The library selection available at each meeting is limited due to physical transport requirements. Attempts are made to rotate materials and to have available materials that correspond to the current speaker subject. Please contact the librarian in advance of meeting date to request specific materials. Current librarian is Phyllis Arthur. Her number is available in member directory. A list of all available materials is posted on the DVOS website.
7. Your suggestions for additional materials to expand our library offerings are appreciated.

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