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January 12, 2005

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

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

The Beauty of Brazilian Laelias Presentation by Fred Shull

Fred's interest with orchids began as a simple high school project. After some success and a few failures, he wanted to learn more and more about these rare and beautiful plants. It's been over 40 years and he is still in love with the Brazilian Laelias.

An AOS Judge for over 15 years, Fred has also served as Vice President and President of the San Francisco Orchid Society. He also supports numerous societies as liaison and introduced many excellent speakers to these societies.

Fred loves to travel and has been fortunate to view many orchids growing in their native environment particularly in Brazil, Mexico. He attended many World Orchid Conferences. Fred grows a variety of genuses in the Orchid Family with special interest in the Cattleya alliance.

Fred will take us through a 45 minute program that will include culture, slides, and ending with a question and answer session.

Raffle table will be provided by Fred Shull. He will also bring plants for sale.

No host dinner will be at Pasta Pomodoro at 5:30 p.m. in down town Pleasant Hill.

Pasta Pomodoro
45 Crescent Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925-363-9641

To have a lovely dining experience and enjoy the company of our guest speakers, please contact Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915.

Next board meeting is on January 19th 2006 at Barbara Tague's home.

<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 - Fred Clark on Catasedums and related species</p> <p>May 11th - Dennis Olivas – All you wanted to know about transplanting</p>	<p>January Refreshments:</p> <p>The Board and Offices will be providing the refreshments for January's meeting.</p>
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The 2005 Holiday Dinner Meeting

We closed 2005 with our annual Holiday gathering. There were over 50 members at this festive occasion. There was lots of good food, laughter and entertainment. As always, Sue Fordyce ended our gathering with a Christmas poem titled "The Story to Tinkle". Tinkle was a trooper and entertained us. She was a little late in arriving so Sheridan entertained us with a song, such a sweet voice.

The winner of our \$50 Best Christmas Decorated Orchid is Sabrina White. Sabrina is one of our newest members. Congratulation!!!!!!



S.F. Show Committee

We had our first committee meeting at Ron Bettencourt's house on Dec. 14. Several ideas were discussed for the display representing the theme "Hothouse Hotties & Their Cool Friends". We will be firming up the layout details at the next meeting which will be on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7:00 pm at Linda Daraskavich's house at 185 Wood Ct. in Vallejo. Linda's # is - 707-554-2382. Please call her to let her know if you will be coming to this meeting.

If you've never been part of our S.F. show committee, we can always use the extra help and talent. You'll find it to be a fun experience.

The follow-up meetings will be:

Saturday - Jan. 21 - Workshop - painting, construction, etc.
Tomassini's warehouse - 3 Woodside Ct. - Danville
Saturday - Feb. 4th - Dry run - putting the display together
Tomassini's warehouse
Wednesday - Feb. 15th -Set-up day at Fort Mason

If you have any questions, call "Captain Ron" at 925-829-2608.
Alice Tomassini

Message from your ex-president:

I would like to thank the members of the Diablo View Orchid Society for your support in making the past 2 years of me being president an enjoyable experience. Without you volunteering and stepping up to the plate to make things happen, we would have probably just not existed. Being human, I did make mistakes and would like to ask forgiveness from those of you were affected by these misjudgments.

There are some of you that really need a special "Mahalo" and I'd like to mention your name because you deserve the recognition.

Mercedes Bell - without your patience and time in going to the Contra Costa Water District on the first working day of the month to book our meeting rooms we would have had a hell of a time coordinating the effort and staying on top of the schedules. We hope you will continue in assisting the DVOS. We miss you at our regular meetings and hope you can join us soon.

Brenda Aday - you have saved us in times of emergency in getting the Bridge Club when we need the meeting space. Thank you....thank you....thank you...especially for the facility to hold our fun and special Holiday gathering.

Dave and Alice Tomassini - they are the back bone of the organization. Thank you for the use of the truck in hauling tables, props and plants, the use if the warehouse to stage the winning orchid displays, storage for DVOS property odds and ends and your home to have board meeting at.

Alice Tomassini - for being the most organized and productive person. Without your help in picking up loose ends, I would have been in the nut house by now. We cannot overlook the hours you place into designing our annual show posters and single handedly doing all of the show & sale advertising.

Eileen Jackson - for picking up the plants from Stan Price in Napa and bringing them to the meeting so many trips. We have used the plants on the raffle tables, and also at our annual sale.

Noble Emory - who also assisted in picking up plants from Stan, collecting boxes for the plant hotel, and always lending a helping hand.

Sharon Duffy – for pitching in when needed. Beautiful and informative is the design of our new business card. Ordering our show trophy ribbons and having them ready for the show. Ordering and picking up the hams for the holiday party because I was going to be working late. Volunteering the continuous use of your slide projector and also a van to help haul show materials, just the extra push to help make things work.

The Transplanting Crew – Renata Johnson, Eileen Jackson, Brian Wraxall, Ulrike Ahlborn, Nick Doe, Diana Vavrek, Bernice Lindner, Jill Chambers and I know I'm missing some others. Please forgive me. Dick Emery like many of the DVOS founding fathers gave so much to the organization.

Ron Bettencourt – for leadership in getting our team in having the best visiting orchid society displays throughout the years. You hold the record. Thank you!!!!!!!

Sue, Frank and Madge – for hours and hours of effortless energy to help in any way possible, yes always giving. Creativity, knowledge and generosity are your middle names. We will miss Fordyce Orchids and hope that we continue to see all of you at our functions.

Ulrike Ahlborn and Nick Doe – endless hours of tech support for the DVOS WebPages. We get the personal touch and professionalism. There's not enough thank you in the world for our web pages are always current.

David Dunn – you didn't have to do it but you did. Mahalo nui loa!!!!

Nancy Pak – filling in when needed. Hired then fired then hired again. Thank you for being the sport and support in taking over the empty board spot.

Joan Wraxall – friendly always smiling always helping at the annual show making sure we get fed.

Brad and Chris Piini – Your undivided effort in making those road signs for the annual show, placing them up and taking them down. Thank you for saving our show.

Stan Price, a true gem and a good heart. – He's not a member of the organization but picking up the orchids from Trader Joe's and offering them to the DVOS. We have made good use of these plants and will continue to make good use of them.

Madolene Montgomery – also a non-member of the organization but spends in the past 2 years 2 long days each year at our show helping in any way possible.

The past committee chairpersons, board member and officers – thank you for all your time that you have placed into making this organization a success. The new committee chairpersons, board members and officers thank you for taking the time to step up so you can continue to move this organization forward.

I can go on and on and on because you are all the greatest.

Mahalo and Aloha!!!!!!!

Dennis Olivas

Membership News

Membership dues for 2006 are due!

We ended the year 2005 with 102 members. I hope you all 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.) 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. I am still at home for the next few weeks and you should have no problem reaching me.

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 want to encourage everyone with an e-mail address to receive the link to the newsletter rather than get 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. 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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San Ramon, CA 94583-2116

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Message from our Past Vice President:

On Dec 6, 2005 I got an award on one of Frank Fordyce's hybrids, Slc. Circle Spirit. According to the rules I get to give the awarded plant a name that will go into the AOS record books. I think its nice to give clonal names in honor of people who've taught me a lot about orchids. For example my first award was named for DVOS member Barbara Tague, mentor extraordinaire. Another is for OrchidSafari, a computer group that helps me out. This most recent award I've named for Nathalie Smith, probably the one person who has single handedly helped out more orchid newbies than anyone else in Contra Costa County. Nathalie (who is also a DVOS founder) would bring new DVOS members through her greenhouses, showing prized blooms and sharing advice and techniques that she'd learned over her years in the hobby. A newcomer would go to her house for one thing and wind up with an impromptu repotting session, or culture session or some sort of an informative lecture on orchids. As well as coming away with fruit from one of her trees! She has some fig trees to die for! Needless to say Nathalie is also a great cook, and many of her recipes were in the Bon Orchidists Gastronome column in the newsletter. If she wasn't offering advice about growing orchids she had tidbits about building a greenhouse or getting swamp coolers. Heck, I recall she and I drove out to Alan Koch's business when I needed to buy a heater for my GH. Koch was a heater supplier in those days. We had a great visit and bought a lot of plants - some of which I haven't killed (yet). Conventional wisdom holds that Vandas can't be grown in N Calif, but Nat can. I'd drool over her vandas, some as big around as a dinner plate. And the colors! Dang, that woman can grow orchids! Alas, Nathalie's health keeps her from coming to many meetings and her collection has waned over the years, but I just wanted to say: Thanks Nat. See? I listened to your advice. It worked! One day when Slc. Circle Spirit 'Nathalie Smith' HCC/AOS is big enough to divide I'll give you part of the plant. I hope you like it.

Kathy Barrett



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