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

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

Coelogyninae!!

Presentation by Marni Turkel

Marni Turkel is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the SFOS since 1982. A hobbyist grower, she grows her orchids in two greenhouses at her home in Santa Rosa, California. She is especially interested in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Though the collection has never been counted, most guesses put it at several thousand plants representing a wide range of genera. Marni has been a frequent contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and has co-authored several articles with Eric Christenson in recent years. Her articles have been translated into Dutch and German for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles for the past several years in both Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. A working potter for over 38 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design which is a small pottery that produces vase, orchid planters, and flower arranging containers.

This talk covers the seven genera that comprise the subtribe Coelogyninae. If you don't already know which seven that is, come to the talk and find out! You will learn about the diversity within the different genera, see both common and rarely seen species as well as learn about habitat and how it relates to cultural needs.

The speaker's dinner will be held at **Pasta Pomodoro**, 45 Crescent Lane, Pleasant Hill at 5.30pm. (This is in downtown Pleasant Hill). Everyone is welcome at this dinner. If you would like to attend please call Brian Wraxall at 510-222-1728 or email wraxall@comcast.net

The next DVOS Board meeting will be at Barbara Tague's house on March 16th.2006 at 7-30pm.

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| <p>Speakers for 2006:</p> <p>March 9th - Marni Turkel on Dendrochilums, Cologene and related species</p> <p>April 13th - Kathy Barrett & Dennis Olivas - Bad Plants</p> <p>May 11th - Dennis Olivas – All you wanted to know about transplanting</p> | <p>Refreshments for March Meeting:</p> <p>Renee Dowdell Naomi Chamberlain Parky Parkison Nancy Pak Akiko Ogawa Shirley Nagy</p> <p>Beverages:</p> <p>Ken Dowdell Nancy Kieft Dave Altman</p> |
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February Recap

February is always a great month. The two biggest events of the year occurred since our last newsletter. That would be the Super Bowl and the San Francisco Orchid Show. The Super Bowl turned out to be somewhat of a let down ,except for the Rolling Stones at half time. Mic Jagger still puts on a great show and at sixty something he is still as skinny as a teenager. I guess that’s what a steady diet of cigarettes and cocaine will do for you.

The next event was also somewhat of a let down. For the first time in years (plural, plural, plural, plural) we failed to capture the first place title for a visiting society at the San Francisco Orchid Show. Ouch! For those of us that worked so hard it hurt just a bit taking second place. Oh well, congratulations to the first place winners. That glass case with the mist did capture the essence of the hot house hottie theme----- huh!!!. Look out DVOS I understand that next years theme for the S.F. Show is glass telephone booths, mist and orchids.

On to the February speaker. Thanks Alice Tomassini for taking down the notes from Scott Dallas lecture. I understand that he gave a great talk and was enjoyed by all who attended. Scott is an avid grower with 200-250 thousand orchids in his greenhouses. Scott started off showing live samples of different types of Dendrobiums of which there are almost 5000 species.

He emphasized that Dendrobiums need a lot of light- just short of a sunburn. Temperatures can range between 55-88 degrees F. Consistency in feeding is also important. One of Scott’s secrets is to feed the plants with Magnesium Sulfate, Epsom salts, to help them bloom. It can be used all year or mixed with your fertilizer at a rate of one teaspoon per gallon every 6 weeks.

At the end of the show Scott gave a quick slide show of the different types, colors and sizes of Dendrobiums- from miniatures to giants with sprays 5 feet long.

Thanks again Scott, for the wonderful talk on the world of Dendrobiums.

Brad

A NEW JUDGING CENTER IS COMING!

At the recent AOS Members Meeting in Santa Rosa, the Judging Committee and the Trustees approved the proposal for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, a separate judging site in Sacramento, CA. Having a judging center in Sacramento will better serve the orchid enthusiasts in the Central Valley of California and in the areas around Reno.

In recent years, there has been a population explosion in the Central Valley. With that growth, in our area, we have noticed the availability of orchids to the general public by national named stores. People are purchasing the plants but do not know what to do with them once the plant finishes blooming. We are excited that the Judging Committee and the Trustees have given us the assignment of getting the educational tools out to help those people and to help them get in contact with a Society in their area.

The judges of the center are looking forward to being a greater support to the local Societies not only in the Sacramento area but also in Chico, Reno, Stockton, Modesto and Fresno. We will have a lot of communication going on with our Societies to see how the center can best to serve them. The members of the Societies supporting the new center are excited and several have expressed genuine interest in joining the American Orchid Society Judging System. We are grateful for their interest and are happy to have them join the judging system.

The support the new center received from our judging colleagues at Pacific Central Judging Center was exceptional. Their support and guidance to the people working on the proposal was a great help in getting the new center approved. We are delighted to hear that our friends from Pacific Central Judging Center will be joining us to judge in Sacramento.

The judges transferring to the new center are busy getting everything in order for our first judging on Wednesday, May 3. The judging in conjunction with the Sacramento Orchid Society meeting will be at Sierra II, Curtis Hall Building, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento.

We welcome everyone to attend the first judging of the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center and hope you enjoy the experience so much that you will be coming back for more! If you cannot attend our Center you can see what is being awarded by visiting our website at www.csnjc.org.

“ Hot House Hotties and their Cool Friends “

That was the theme of the Pacific Orchid Exposition 2006 and DVOS won the award for “Best Exhibit Illustrating Show Theme”. We also took 2nd place for the “Best Exhibit By a Visiting Orchid Society”



Trophy Winners and Ribbon Awards

**Best Phal./Doritis in Show
Shown by a Novice**



**Linda Castleton's
Phal. Little Mary
"Two Trophys Awarded"**

**Best Plant of Other Genus
Shown by an Intermediate**



**Joe Grillo's
Angraecum Sesquipedale**

**Best Dendrobium
Shown by an Intermediate**



**Joe Grillo's
Den. Oriental Smile**

**Best Paphiopedalum/Phragmipedium
Shown by an Intermediate Exhibitor**



**David Tomassini's
Paph. Pinnocchio 'Pippin'
x niveium Fog.**

**Best Cattleya Alliance
Shown by a Novice Exhibitor**



**Sharon Duffy's
Lc. Gold Digger
'Orglades Mandarin'**

Ribbon Awards : 1st Place -Blue, 2nd Place- Red & 3rd Place-White

Ahlborn, Ulrike/ Doe, Nick 1st (1), 3rd (1) ~ Bettencourt, Ron 1st (2)
 Castleton, Linda 1st (3), 2nd (1), 3rd (1) ~ Charlton, Liz 1st (2), 3rd (2)
 Drake, Frank 1st (3) ~ Duffy, Sharon 1st (2) ~ Grillo, Joe 1st (4), 2nd (1)
 Jackson, Eileen 1st (2), 2nd (1) ~ Johnson, Renate 1st (3), 3rd (1) ~ Lindner, Bernice 1st (1)
 Mathias, Sheridan 1st (1), 2nd (1) ~ Ogawa, Akiko 2nd (1) ~ Parkison, Parky 2nd (3)
 Tague, Barbara 2nd (1) ~ Tomassini, David 1st (5) ~ Wraxall, Brian 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (1)

Show Committee



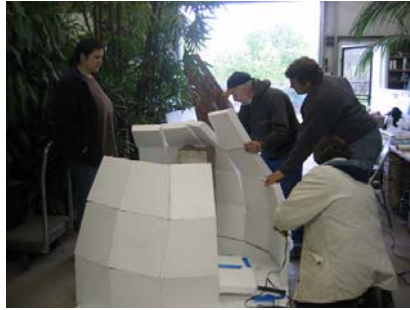
Nancy Pak, Veronica Bettencourt, Liz Charlton, Eileen Jackson, Dan Chiappone, Brian Wraxall, Parky Parkison, Ron Bettencourt, Alice Tomassini, Linda Daraskavich, Jeannette Bean, David Tomassini, Renate Johnson



Brenda Aday Brad Piini



Ron testing smoke for Volcano



Constructing the Igloo



Spraying snow on Igloo



Linda painting panel



Nancy verifying plant names



David, Eileen moving Volcano



Brian writing plant tags



Putting display together



Our Show Mascot

Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members **Elizabeth Marquez & Bill Leyva** from Danville who joined in February.

A guest at the February meeting was David Rubinoff from Pleasant Hill.

Membership dues for 2006 are due!

General Membership is \$ 15, Business \$ 25 (The Board decided to no longer offer the slight reduction of 2 years for \$25.) 71 members have renewed as of 2/27. If you receive the newsletter by mail, look at the address label. If it says 2005, your membership will expire after this issue. If you receive this newsletter by email and are unsure, feel free to contact me by email or give me a call.

Please be so kind and fill out the renewal form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes.

We will send everyone with an email address the link to the newsletter rather than mailing the newsletter. This saves a lot of paper, copy and collating time and postage. Just ask Roy, the newsletter editor. Think about doing you little part in saving a tree. If you have email but absolutely want the newsletter send to you by mail, please let me know and we'll do that.

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on March 9th, 2006 or mail it to

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