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Next Meeting is on Thursday, April 13th, 7:15 pm -10:00 pm

Contra Costa Water District Building Board Room
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA

Ron Parsons: Botanizing in Southern Ecuador



Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 40 years and has been interested in species orchids for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and most other flowers whenever he can, weather it be on trips to see them in nature or in collections. He loves to travel to see orchids in the wild and does so as often as possible. Ron has close to 60,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has almost 3,500 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books.

Ron has co-authored three botanical books, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Most recently, the third book, a large, luxurious, two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January of 2014. The latter has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.

Ron Parsons loves to travel, photograph orchids and other wildflowers *in situ*, visit botanical gardens and personal collections almost more than anything else. His talk for April is on his first trip to South America, an Ecuadorean orchid adventure with *Ecuagera*, consisting of the guide Gilberto Merino, Mary Gerritsen, Laurent Minet (from Belgium), Peter Hottewitzch (from Germany) and Ron. They traveled through quite a bit of southern Ecuador to such beautiful and orchid-rich areas as the Cordillera del Condor, Cajas National Park, Podocarpus National Park, etc. where approximately 125 species of orchids were seen in bloom. This talk features the highlights of this wonderful trip.

Plant Table will be provided by Yunor Peralta

Dinner with the Speaker at 5:30 pm is at Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln, Pleasant Hill, CA

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707.853.39.63 and leave a message.

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