The November Meeting Speaker
Our own… Dennis Olivas

He’ll be talking about vandas!

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November Meeting:
Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:15 pm
at the Contra Costa Water District

Refreshments will be supplied by:
Snacks: Barbara Ungersma, Renate Johnson, Lisa Chow, Judith Johnson, Arlene Cosand, Linda Castleton
Drinks: Daniel Neighbors, Miki Ichiyanagi
Ice: Dom Taylor

Speaker's Dinner Location is the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill. Everyone is invited to attend.
Contact Eileen Jackson at 707-853-3963 if you want to attend
President's Message

Dear Orchid Friends,

November 2017, in the East Bay of San Francisco, is a month like no other! Thanksgiving takes on a new meaning this year after the devastating fires some of our friends in the Napa Valley have experienced!

Our orchids may need a little attention: less water and perhaps some heat, a little fertilizer.

**Water:**
we should have a chance, this time of year, to catch rainwater. Your plants will appreciate it.

**Heat:** comes in a number of ways:
1) your heating device
2) the roof of your greenhouse, or a window sill
3) "heat" from your orchid friends reminding you to pay more attention to the "children" sitting on the bench!
The last "heat source" can be very inspirational if provided in a "compassionate" manner. (I am working on that one myself)

**Fertilizer:**
there are many products: "weakly weekly "is what may people advise. Try an organic product.

**Light and Air movement:**
Orchids will require both, depending on the type you grow.

**The American Orchid Society**
is one of your best resources for anything orchid related. Check out their website: [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

**Napa Valley:**
Orchids are growing here, still!
You may consider stimulating the economy and support our local San Francisco area growers.

Cheers,

Renate

Next year's presidency is vacant! We need a volunteer!

If you won a ribbon at the DVOS show and would like it...
send an email to: Eileen.jackson@att.net
Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling orchids. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family; not for long, as he was introduced to Rod McLellan’s ‘Acres of Orchids’. First he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased greenhouse space for his collection. A glutton for punishment, he continued to add to his collection, overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. Currently his greenhouse (D&D Flowers) is in Daly City.

Dennis has been president of Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society, and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.

**November Meeting Winners:**

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November Meeting’s Flowers: