Spring is here and an orchid grower’s fancy turns to repotting. We will have a brief discussion and demonstration about proper potting procedure followed by a workshop where you can repot the sorry, overgrown plant you brought. Please do not bring plants larger than quart size. The club will provide bark, pots, and all other necessary supplies. Experienced growers will be available to help new growers to evaluate your plant’s needs and help with the process.

The Opportunity Table at our April meeting will be our popular Grab Bag with plants from Exotic Orchids of Maui. Tickets cost $10. Buy one and you are guaranteed to win a quality, blooming size orchid. This is always a fun plant table.
Ron Parsons was our speaker in March

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Step right up ladies and gentlemen...don’t be afraid...you’re about to witness some of the greatest oddities of the orchid world. You are about to embark on a strange tour of the orchid carnival and sideshow.
Ron Parsons continued

Ron Parsons was our Ringmaster and took the DVOS crowd on a carnival tour of the Australian orchid world. These Australian oddities were viewed by Ron on a 2000 trip to the land down under.

First up, behind the curtain on your left, you will see the equivalent of the bearded lady - the orchid world’s own “bearded orchid”. Male or female? Always a tough one to call, and I’m not sure I want to know. As we tour further around the orchid carnival we see the creepy room full of “spider orchids”. Lots of ugh and yuck coming from the gathering outside of this room.

Like any good carnival most of the entertainment comes from watching the crowd. This Australian crowd of orchids does not disappoint. Most of the crowd is attended by the “hooded orchids”. These orchids of course were not showing much of their faces, but were flashing plenty of gang signs. The crowd also had a few odd balls, left overs, if you will, from the mid-evil theater next door. These are easily recognized as the “helmet” orchids. These orchids are obviously looking for constant attention.

The show was over after about 45 minutes. On your way out you may have noticed the flock of “bird” orchids with their prominent beak like appearance and the gaggle of “Flying Duck” orchids making their way north for the winter.

Thanks again, Ron. The only thing missing from this carnival was the cotton candy orchid and kettle corn orchid. Oh, and Dave Tomassini, no 6-inch hot dog on a stick orchids either.
**Membership News**
courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair
membership@dvos.org

As of April we have 105 members
about 40 past members need to pay
their dues immediately to be included
in the 2012 roster.

**General Members $20**
**Commercial Members $25**
**Lifetime Members $300**

If you are unable to receive the newsletter
by email and need a B&W copy mailed to
you, there is an additional $10 charge for
copying and postage.

New Member/ Renewal application:
www.dvos.org/About/membersh.htm
"Arpophyllum giganteum"

"Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'"

"Lc. Interceps 'Blue Eye'"
Coming Shows and Sales

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale
April 21   Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, 10AM-4PM,  FREE admission and parking.

Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale

D & D Flowers Spring Open House
Half Moon Bay (925) 969-1246
May 19 & 20, 2012   9:00 AM to 3 PM
FREE admission and parking
(See P 9 for map and directions)
D & D Flowers is not open to the public except for our bi-annual open house events

Blc. George King ‘Serendipity’
D & D Orchids is located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve. We will be having a $7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

Help your local orchid society. For every $25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in October of 2011.

*Masdevallia caudata ‘Cookie Peschko’*
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2011 DVOS Club Pins are still available $8
Get yours at our next meeting

Den. Angel Baby ‘Love Pocket’

E. cordigera

Sc Beauty Belle
Refreshments for the April Meeting will be provided by:

**FOOD:**
(Food must be cut into servings)
Carol Campbell   Barbara Ungersma
Lorraine Behravesh Noble Emery
Parky Parkison   Joy Keehn
Carol Strausborger

**DRINKS:**
Patty Castagnino
Dave Altman
Bob Akbarian
Emmaye Luevano

**ICE:**
Patty Castagnino
Dave Altman
Bob Akbarian
Emmaye Luevano

**SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:**

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**April 12:** DVOS potting party
**April 19:** DVOS board meeting at the home of Eileen Jackson
**April 21:** Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Society Show and Sale (P9)
**April 21-22:** Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale (P9)
**May 19-20:** D&D Spring Sale (P8-9)

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*Cym. Yai ‘Monica’*
Now that Summer is behind us, let’s hope the weather calms down so we can all enjoy the upcoming orchid show season. Some of you are starting to hold their meetings again after a summer hiatus. The AOS has had a busy summer as well. There are new novice culture sheets for most of the more popular orchids. If you are a member of AOS and have not already registered for access to the new website Members’ Only, I hope you do it soon. One major difference in the new website is that it may be translated into a multitude of foreign languages. The translation is done with a drop down menu on the left hand top portion of the site. Also, the site is continually being populated with up-to-date orchid information. In addition, there is a new member’s profile where you can renew your membership, change your mailing address or email information and manage your AOS+ subscription. Plus, each month, Ron McHatton produces a fabulous electronic newsletter filled with all kinds of orchid culture information. If you are already an AOS member and not receiving notifications of these monthly newsletters, AOS does not have your email address. To be added to the distribution list, send your email address along with your full name to Terri Rivera at trivera@aos.org. Please note: if you are having difficulties signing into the ‘Members Only’ section, it may be that your prior registration is no longer valid. With the new website, each member must renew their registration. Instructions for doing so are on the home page of AOS. You will also find a tab on the home page about the Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Committee project. It is up and running and donations are being made. You can read more about this joint project with Nature Conservancy...
One of the more interesting advantages of being the AOS Affiliated Societies Chair is that some of the societies send me their newsletters. I scan those that I directly get as well as go to the AOS forum and read some of the newsletters that are posted there. By going through these newsletters, I realize how active, vibrant and healthy many of our affiliated societies are. Through their commitment and love of orchids, they manage to share their knowledge and passion with other like-minded individuals. Through the advancement of social media and computerized publishing programs, these newsletters are filled with great photographs of orchids of their shows and meeting show tables, more regional cultural information. Through these AOS Corners, I provide information for the societies to use in their newsletters about the American Orchid Society and its programs, activities and resources. I appreciate it when I see them posted in these newsletters.

The Kansas Orchid Society will be hosting the AOS Annual Members meeting at its annual orchid show April 25 – 30, 2012 in Wichita. SWROGA and other alliances will be holding their meetings as part of this meeting. These national and regional meetings provide the opportunity to shop, meet the vendors and others in the orchid world face to face, talk about what is new in the orchid world or have someone just listen to your own theories and tips. The speakers for the AOS Members Meeting and Kansas Orchid Society Show are diverse and definitely provide something for everyone. They are Dr. Leonid Averyanov, Keynote Speaker, Senior Researcher and Professor of the Herbarium of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg, Russia), and Vice President of the All-Russian Botanical Society. He will be speaking on ‘Orchids of Vietnam: Ecology of Ornamental Species’. Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd, Professor and Extension Specialist in Ornamental Entomology/Integrated Pest Management, Department of Entomology, Kansas State University, who will be speaking on ‘Pests of Orchids’. Robert Fuchs, R.F. Orchids, who will be speaking on ‘Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybrids’. Patricia Harding, AOS judge and Author, speaking on Brazilian Oncidiums’. Norito Hasegawa, of Paphanatics, Unlimited and an ‘over extended hobbyiest presenting ‘What’s New in Paphs’’. Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids speaking about ‘Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture’ and Bryon Rinke, presenting a presentation on ‘Phalaenopsis lobbii and parishii, the species and hybrids’. There are many other regional orchid events going on and they are listed on the AOS website under Events.
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AOS Awards

3/4 & 3/7/2012
Sacramento CSNJC

Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa ‘Robbii’
(Paph. malipoense x Paph. armeniacum)
HCC 77
Exhibited by Robert and Fay Sun

Cym unnamed hybrid ‘Mahalo Thu Bar’
(Cym Pepperpuss x Cym. Mem. Amelia Earhart)  AM 81 (provisional)
Exhibited by Paul & Phyllis Chim

Cymbidium unnamed hybrid ‘Phyllis’*
(Cym. Hazel Tyers x Cym. Kabuki Moon)
AM 80 (provisional)
Exhibited by Paul and Phyllis Chim

Dendrobium Burgundy Bride ‘Claret Ice’
(Den. Burgundy Cream x Den. Rutherford Blushing Bride)  HCC 79
Exhibited by James Morris

Lycaeste Leo ‘Patrick’, HCC/AOS
(Lyc. Balinae x Lyc. macrobulbon)  CCM 83
Exhibited by Howard & Joan Gunn

Dendrobium Magenta Magic ‘Aurora’
(Den. cuthbertsonii x Den. goldschmidtianum)
HCC 75
Exhibited by Daniel Pfarr

Dendrobium Intense ‘Nancy Elizabeth’
(Den. Lorikeet x Den. Zip)  AM 85
Exhibited by James Morris

Macropodanthus cootseii ‘Big Foot’*
species  CHM 87 (prov)
Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Images can be seen at http://www.csnjc.org
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