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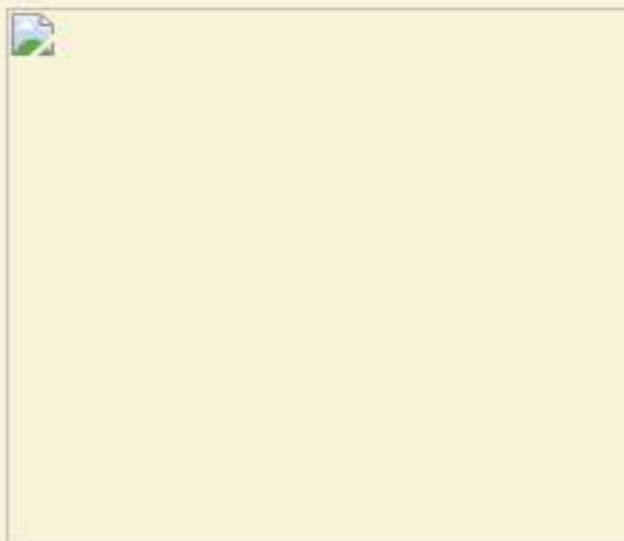
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Next Meeting: Thursday 13th May 7:30pm

Fred Clarke - "Venezuelan Cattleyas"



Cattleya mossiae is the queen of Venezuelan Cattleyas. Once the most popular corsage flower for Mother's Day, it is now rarely seen in collections or in the cut flower trade.

Fred will share his magnificent photos of *C. mossiae* in the wild and talk about its habitat and conservation.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 20 of those years. With over 23 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Bulbophyllum* and *Paphiopedilum* hybrids.



His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received five FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds

Speaker's Dinner will be at Pasta Pomodoro located in Pleasant Hill at 45 Crescent Dr. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids.



Masd. coccinea v. alba



Den. kingianum



Cym. Mini Sarah 'Bridal Veil'