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Next Meeting is on Thursday, November 8th, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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

Orchids 101 by Dennis Olivas & Kathy Barrett

As the woman removes the Phal from its pot a putrid smell wafts through the kitchen. Her daughter, watching, asks "Mom? Is it supposed to smell like that?" Grumbling, the woman tosses that plant into the green-waste bin alongside that week's cucumber peels and apple cores. She moves on to unpot an especially nice Paph, one she paid over \$20 for. Although the leaves look good the same vulgar smell wafts through the room, the plant's roots a smear of biodegradable mush. "Mom? I think I'm going to be sick" complains her daughter. "May I be excused?" "Sure Honey", says our intrepid hobbyist, "I wish I knew WHAT was going on with these orchids!"

In bright flash and a puff of smoke a small frog appears on the counter top. Its small and green and sports a long black ponytail of hair from its head. "Mahalo!" it croaks.

"WTF!?" screams the woman, orchid bark flying around the kitchen. "That's my cue!" a paisley colored slug says, crawling from the bottom of the pot and across her hand. Screaming, the woman grabs a broom to hold these specters at bay. The slug rolls its stalked eyes. "Do you want to tell her or should I?" it asks the frog.

Puffing out its chin the little frog croaks: "Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett will be answering all your orchids questions at the next DVOS meeting! 11/14/2012, 7:30 PM!" Gleefully twisting like a Dairy Queen ice cream cone the slug adds "Bring your orchids, diseased ones in a baggie please, to get answers to all your orchid questions! There's no show unless you bring your orchids!" Together the frog and slug sing

"SO BRING 'EM!"

Plant table will be provided by D & D Flowers

Speaker's Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln., Pleasant Hill. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.

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