

DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

The Orchid Society for the East San Francisco Bay Area

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Next Meeting is on Thursday, November 14th, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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

Dan Newman on Dendrobiums

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (it's hard to maintain warm conditions in Pacifica!). This number includes a few hybrids, but the great majority are species. He also grows a variety of "companion plants", that share the natural habitats of orchids

November's plant table will ne provided by Dan Newman.

This month there will be no speaker's dinner
For information on Dan's nursery Hanging Gardens go to http://hanginggardens.org/

See photos from Dan's green house in Pacifica at http://www.flickr.com/photos/finboy/sets/72157628374442967/detail/



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