

## DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

The Orchid Society for the East San Francisco Bay Area

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## Next Meeting is on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm -10:00pm Pleasant Hill Community Center 320 Civic Drive - in the McHale Room

## Mary Nisbet of California Orchids



Mary Nisbet is the owner of California Orchids in Bolinas and has been growing orchids since 1978. She got started at McLellans' where she spent 3 1/2 years as a paphiopedilum grower and was exposed to commercial growing, judging, hybridizing and many other aspects of the orchid world.

Next she moved to a shared greenouse in Daly City, where she began boarding orchids. During that time she drove up and down the coast for a year trying to figure out how to purchase land and build a nursery.

In 1987 she discovered a decrepit old fuscia nursery in Bolinas that "no one on earth but me would see as a dream come true."

Mary is delighted that with endless effort and many orchids later, she has been able to spend her working life with remarkable plants we know as orchids. At her nursery in Bolinas Mary has several large cork oak logs upon which she has mounted a great variety of orchids and allows them to grow as they do in the wild. If you've never seen them, don't miss her next open house.

As with previous speakes, Mary will introduce a number of her plants and speak about how she grows them and helps them thrive.

Members can pre-order plants and Mary will bring them to our meeting.

www.californiaorchids.com

Plant Table will be provided by Mary Nisbet

Speaker's Dinner before our next meeting is at 5:30 pm at China Lounge (Sichuan Fortune House), 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please contact Yunor Peralta at mmmper@yahoo.com to be included in the reservation. Find tel # in the roster.