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Next Meeting: Friday, September 9th, 7:30pm - 10:00pm
 Contra Costa Water District Building Board Room
 1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA

Carol Klonowski presents White Complex Paphiopedilums

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley gave her a cattlea and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers with an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California in the early 1990's and it's been a serious hobby and passion ever since. She can recall going to monthly meetings where orchid legends such as the late Frank Fordyce would be available to answer the many questions an eager hobbyist could ask. Her talk on White Complex Paphiopedilums stems from a fascination with the breeding effort that produces these elegant, large, long-lasting blooms on plants that carry the genetic material of up to seven species of paphs. She will discuss the history of complex paphs in general, then focus on the effort to create bigger and better white complexes for the past several decades, and the reasons why white complex paphs should be a part of every orchid lover's collection. Carol has served as Director, Vice President, President and Past President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past decade, and currently is an accredited judge, Probationary, with the American Orchid Society, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Speaker's Dinner will be at 5:30 at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln in 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.

Plant table will be a grab bag provided by Exotic Orchids of Mauia

Upcoming Event

Orchid Fair
at the Concord Hilton
 1970 Diamond Boulevard + Concord, CA 94520

Oct. 15 - 16
 10 AM - 4 PM

Free

Diablo View Orchid Society
 dvos.org

Show & Sale
 AOS judging
 Culture Sessions
 Vendors



Bl. Morning glory Tom Pickford



Schoenorchids manipurensis
 Ken Cook



L. speciosa
 Ken Cook



Bulb. Jan Ragan
 Miki Ichiyanari



L. tenebosa 'Rainforest'
 Jim & Grace Chan



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