Diablo View Orchid Society

January 13th, 2005

Contra Costa Water District 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

"South African Indigenous Orchids"

by

Gavin McDonald

Gavin McDonald was born in Capetown in 1963, moved to Durban (KwaZulu-Natal) in about 1968 and lived around there ever since. He studied for a BSc (Honours) in 1985 looking at taxonomy and biogeography of Disa and Eulophia (the largest genera of geophytes in South Africa). He completed a Masters degree in 1988 on the taxonomy and biogeography of orchids in and around Durban. He lectured at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in the Department of Biology until 1993, then joined the Department of Nature Conservation at Mangosuthu Technikon. He acted as Head of Department between 1996 and 1998. Currently he’s a Senior Lecturer and Acting HoD (again, but for a short while) and registered part-time for a Ph.D. in molecular systematics of the genus Stenoglottis.

Gavin started growing orchids in 1981, and qualified as a South African Orchid Council judge in 1989. He has served as President of the Umhlatuzana Orchid Species Club, served on the committee of the Natal Orchid Society. He has been Chairman of Judges for the KwaZulu-Natal judging region, served 2 terms as National Vice-chairman and 1 term as National Chairman of judges for the South African Orchid Council. He is still involved in the training of judges and was one of the task team instrumental in introducing the new National training program for judges. He has also served as a corresponding member of the AOS conservation committee (for Africa) for many years (so many he has lost count).

Gavin has a modest collection of orchids, mostly species with a handful of indigenous orchids. He has plans in place to expand this collection to a commercial scale within the next 3-5 years with a special interest in Vanilla and, to a lesser degree, Phalaenopsis. His talk will have examples of species of most of the South African genera of orchids, with some habitat shots, and cultural hints thrown in.

**NEEDED:**

**Person or People to act as Vice President/Program Chairman. Apply to Dennis Olivas.**
Membership News

A warm welcome to Stephen Blue from Benicia, who joined DVOS in December.

Membership dues for 2005 are due!

We hope you all join us again in 2005. General Membership is $15, Business $25 (The Board decided to no longer offer the slight reduction of 2 years for $25.) Please look at the label of your newsletter. If you see the number 2005 or higher, that means your dues for 2005 have been paid already.

For those of you who get the newsletter by email see if you find your name on the following list of members who have paid due for 2005 already.

- David & Gitty Altman
- Phyllis Arthur
- Dan Chiappone & Nancy Pak
- Sharon Duffy
- Susan Fetter
- Roy Florey
- Jose Angulo Garcia
- Catherine Gardener
- Joe Grillo
- Barbara Gross
- Haldis Grummel & Brian Maloney
- Jack Isacoff
- Eileen Jackson
- Carolyn Miyashita & Milton Kramer
- Janet Nadol
- Dennis Olivas & David Dunn
- Clarence & Nancy Parkinson
- Alice & David Tomassini
- Hoai-An Ton-Nu & John Cheng

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting in December 2004: please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participation in the club’s benefits, send in your application and dues or give them to any DVOS officer at the next general meeting.

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Show and Tell Awards

The award and $50 for the best decorated orchid went to Linda Castleton for Santa Paph, see dvos.org for the pictures and a few other pictures from the Christmas Party.

The overall award for the year went to Joe Grillo with 15 points including 2 first, 2 second, 2 third and 3 Look What I Bloomed for the First Time monthly awards.
Local Vendors
Livermore
*The Orchid Ranch*
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659
http://www.fordyceorchids.com
Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis
Tonkins Orchids – Paphiopedilums
Oakland
*Orchids Fiori D.Amore*
Paolo & Nina DiCandia
510-530-4884 (by appt. only)
Vallejo
*MGM Orchids* Mariano G Morales
(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)
Pacifica
White Oak Orchids Specializing in the Weird and Wonderful
Pacifica CA USA 94404 (650)355-8767 information
www.whiteoakorchids.com 1-888-672-4432 Toll-Free Order line
San Leandro
*The Paph House*
Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan
375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA
510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)
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*Commercial Plant Services*
David & Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630
Half Moon Bay
*D & D Flowers*
Greenhouse located in Half Moon Bay
(925) 969-1246 (by appt. only)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale – Jan 8 & 9, 10AM-5PM $5. Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Rd Redwood City http://penorchidsoc.org

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show & Sale – 2/5 & 6 10 – 5 pm Sat, 10-4 sun. Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd, Soquel


Sonoma County Orchid Show and Sale – 3/5 & 6 Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa. Various times and admissions. See: http://www.sonic.net/scorchid/


29th Annual Cymbidium Congress – same weekend as the Santa Barbara show.

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Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

General Membership $15 (___), Business $25(____), Life $300 (___)

(All memberships are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 31 the following year, your privileges will cease.)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

New (___) Renewal (___) Date: _____________________

For General Membership:
Principal Member: __________________________________________________

Spouse or Significant Other: __________________________________________________

For Business Membership:
Name of Business: __________________________________________________

Name of Business Contact/Owner: __________________________________________

Mailing Address (Must fill in)
Address: __________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ State: ________ ZIP: ______________

Home Phone: (________) ________-________________ Work or Cell Phone (Opt.): (_______) ________-_________ 

E-Mail address: ___________________________________________ WebSite: _______________________

Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? Y/N (___)

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS): Y/N (____);            Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC): Y/N (____)

Cultivation (Check all that applicable):
Indoor (___), Outdoor (___), Greenhouse (___), Hobbyist (___), Commercial (___)

What is you favorite genus to grow? Phalaenopsis ( ), Cattleya ( ), Cymbidium( ), Dendrobium ( ), Vanda ( ), Masdevallia ( ), Paphiopedilum ( ), Phragmipedium ( ), Pleurothallids ( ), Zygopetalum ( ), List others: ______________________________

DVOS perpetuates with the fun and diligent work performed by our membership. We would like to know if you would be interested in participating in the various functions in order to keep this fun, educational, and friendly environment.

I would like to participate in present or future: (Check all that is applicable)

Elected Officer/Board of Director (____)
Committees: Equipment (____) Library (____) BBQ/Auction (____) Advertising (____) Refreshments (____) Newsletter (____) Xmas Party (____) San Francisco Show (____) Raffle/Sales (____) Book Meeting Room (____) Greenhouse Tours (____) DVOS Show & Sale (____) Welcome Hostess (____) Assist when needed (____)

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