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# Diablo View Orchid Society

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## July 14, 2005

5:30 Speaker's Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Starts, Presentation ~8:00

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

**Ken Jacobsen**

## Cymbidium Transplanting and Culture

Ken will do a short cultural presentation by transplanting a Cymbidium. While transplanting, he will answer your questions on how to grow beautiful healthy plants that will be productive during flowering. Then, he will treat you to a slide presentation of the once rejected yet coveted forms of cymbidiums... peloric, feathering, spots and stripes.

Ken has been growing Cymbidiums for over 30 years and has close to 2000 plants. He added the Odontoglossum/Oncidium alliance plants to his collection about 20 years ago, and together with his wife Amy is now growing about 1000 Laelias and Cattleyas, Lycastes, Anguloas, etc., as well (even a few Disas). He started doing his own Cymbidium hybridizing about 7 years ago and has about 30 crosses in various stages from flask to blooming size. He is in both the CSA and AOS judging programs.

For those of you who are wondering why 2 cymbidium presentations in a year...why not. It is one of the easiest to grow in the inland area. Also, we would like to stress that there are many different methods in growing orchids and it differs from grower to grower and from one location to the other.

Plant table provided by Ken Jacobsen. Ken will bring plants to sell.

5:30 p.m. dinner at:

**Three Brothers from China**  
**2001 Contra Costa Blvd., A-50**  
**Pleasant Hill, CA**  
**(925) 838-2232**

To attend no host dinner with the speaker, please call Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246 or e-mail at [d.olivas@comcast.net](mailto:d.olivas@comcast.net) by July 8, 2005.

The next Board Meeting is at the Dunn/Olivas Resident at 7:30 a.m. on July 21.

## Future 2005 DVOS Speakers

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Dan Newman - Pleurothallids Culture and transplanting (will include warmer growing species)  
Plant table by Hanging Garden Orchids. Dan will also bring plants for sale.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>:** ICU - Bad Plants, good plants...DUH...I don't know

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Carson Whitlow

**November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Dennis Olivas on Orchid General Culture (101)  
Plant table by D & D Flowers

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Annual X-mas Party

### DVOS Speakers for 2006

**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** Sheldon Takasaki (tentative)

**February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Scott Dallas on Dendrobium species and culture  
Plant table by White Oaks Orchids

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Marni Turkel of Stony Point Ceramics - Dendrochilum, Cologene and related species  
Plant table by Marni Turkel/Stony Point Ceramics. Will bring plants and pottery to sell.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** Round Table: 1/2 hour presentation on transplanting and culture of Zygopetalum, Oncidium and Vanda alliances.

## Refreshments for July 14, 2005

Joyce Tang & Jeff Boschert, Betty Michaelson, Renate Johnson, Madge Fordyce, Brenda Aday, Jeannette Bean

### Beverages:

Ken and Renee Dawdell, Bernice Lindner, Pam Wood

Refreshments for July 14, 2005 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Root Beer Float/Ice Cream Social. The society will provide all the fixins. Also the members listed above will bring additional treats.

**June 9, 2005**

## DVOS Monthly Meeting Plant Display Award Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Paphiopedilum Lady Isabel

Joe Grillo

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Tolumnia Ritz

Barbara Tague

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Miltonidium Pupukea Sunset 'Hawaii Kai'

Brian Wraxall

### Lance Smith Medallion:

Bulbophyllum frostii

Joe Grillo

### Look What I Bloomed For the Very First Time:

Epilaeliocattleya May Bly

Brian Wraxall

### ICU: Doctor on Duty

We have started a new monthly program call the *ICU - Doctor on Duty* at the general meetings. During the break session (only 15 minutes) while most of you will be enjoying the refreshments, one can bring in a plant to have it looked at by the ICU Doctor on duty. Remember to place the plant you bring in into a clear plastic container. Do not bring in more than a plant at each meeting. Doctor on Duty is Dennis Olivas.



## Membership News

### **The Membership Roster for 2005 is out.**

If you would like to receive a roster, please contact me and I will have one ready for you at the next meeting or sent by mail for out of state members. When you find any error in the roster please let me know so I can correct it.

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## Library News

Your DVOS library has some incomplete year issues of Orchid Digest and Orchids magazines. If you have any of these needed issues and would like to donate them to the DVOS library, please bring them to the next general meeting.

Orchid Digest 1969- 1970, 1999-2000, 2000-2005

Orchids (AOS) 1992-1994

## Announcements!!!

### **The theme for the Annual Picnic and Auction: Safari**

The Diablo View Annual Picnic and Auction will take place on August 20, 2005 at Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder's home. Besides good food, good company and fun, we have one of our major money making events. We encourage members to donate 1 or more plant division(s) from their collection or an orchid related item. Please bring only established, healthy and pest/disease free plants. A plant that you yourself would like to bid on. There are 2 months to start the divisions and to groom them in time for the auction. You must be a paid member to attend the event or a \$20 entry fee will be charged.

## D & D Flowers Weekend Sale

D & D Flowers is having a **huge inventory reduction sale** on August 13 and 14, 2005. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Half Moon Bay. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, and many more genera. Please bring your own boxes. Really good deals.... Priced to sell. Will take cash or checks but not credit cards.

The greenhouse is located in Half Moon Bay, 1/3 mile east of Main Street. Just east of the Spanish Village on Hwy 92 is a house and woodpile yard. Turn onto the street between the house and woodpile yard and go over the bridge. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you have any questions about the directions, please call Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246.

## MAY SPEAKER RECAP

In May, Paul Chim was our expert speaker and he spoke about Chinese cymbidiums. Paul started his presentation with a little history about why these plants are considered to be so prized. The folklore of poetry and philosophy all revolve around these beautiful, fragrant orchids

According to Paul, the easiest of the Chinese cymbidiums to grow are Ensifolium, which are from Thailand. Culturally these plants are still somewhat demanding, though. All of Paul's cymbidiums are planted in Coir (coconut fiber). From April through October Paul waters his cymbidiums once a week (on Tuesdays). In addition, he fertilizes them once a week using a solution of 1 tablespoon per gallon (on Sundays). Then, once a month he treats his plants to an additional solution of 2 tablespoons Epsom salts per gallon after he waters.

For further information Paul can be contacted at (510) 635-3260.

Thanks Paul!

## June Speaker Recap

Sue Fordyce, manager of Fordyce Orchids of Livermore, was our June speaker. She is well known, to most of us in the DVOS, as the expert on cattleyas.

Sue began her talk by presenting general information about today's cattleya hybrids. Most miniature catts prefer to be grown cooler than the standard size catts and all crosses with potinara (Brassavola X Laelia X Cattleya X Sophronitis) are more warm tolerant - but still compact in size.

Sue went on to describe the following method of repotting cattleyas. The best time to repot a catt is when the new "eyes" or "fingernails" are showing at the base of the plant. Also, you need at least 3 good bulbs together to make a new plant if you plan on dividing your old catts. Start by removing the old plant and trimming off all the old mushy roots. Keep only the hard roots regardless of their color. Next, select a size of container that will hold the root ball. Most of our growing problems are from over-potting our orchids, i.e. getting too big of a pot with a tiny plant in it. Sue uses a potting mix that contains:

4 parts fir bark, 1 part grade 3 perlite and 1 part lava rock.

This mix is soaked in a bucket of water with a couple of drops of Physan (fungicide and algacide) and a couple of drops of DynaGrow KLM (rooting hormone). When repotting, place medium to large bark in the bottom of the pot to provide air space. Then place the orchid in the pot so the "eye" has space to grow in the container. Next, pack the potting mix around the root ball and pack it down around the plant. Place the plant in the shade for the first few months and allow it to adapt to its new home.

Sue went on to show slides of orchid ailments and some of Fordyce's best crosses and awarded plants.

Thanks again, Sue.

Both Speaker Recaps written by Brad Piini.



## 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)

### Pacifica

White Oak Orchids *Specializing in the Weird and Wonderful*

Pacifica CA USA 94404 (650)355-8767 information

[www.whiteoakorchids.com](http://www.whiteoakorchids.com) 1-888-672-4432 Toll-Free Order line

### Danville

\*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)

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