July 13, 2006

5:30 Speaker’s Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Starts, Presentation ~8:00
Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

Adventures in Ecuador with Lou Jost

Lou Jost has been fascinated by nature since an early age, having gotten his first bird field guide at the age of nine. He was growing tropical orchids in his parents' basement in Wisconsin at age 11. He is a physicist and mathematician by training and along life’s pathway, Lou was lured to the vibrant life of tropical forests. His accomplishments include photography, painting and studying the birds and plants of Costa Rica, Mexico, and Ecuador. He illustrated the book 'Common Birds of Amazonian Ecuador' (written by Chris Canaday). His current project is the in-depth study of Ecuadorian orchids in which he has discovered over 50 new orchid species. Please visit his website at www.loujost.com.

At this July meeting, Lou Jost will take us on some of his adventures into the forest of Ecuador to meet the new orchid species that he has introduced to the orchid world.

Dinner with the speaker will be at the Red Robin Restaurant in the Sun Valley Mall at 5:30pm. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or Jackson.eileen@att.net to join us for dinner.

Plant table will be provided by Dennis Olivas.

The next board meeting will be held at Brian Wraxall’s home on July 20.
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<td>Thanks to all who signed up to bring refreshments for <strong>July’s Cookie &amp; Ice Cream Social:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cookies:</strong> Ken &amp; Renee Dowdell, Renate Johnson, Beth Ilog, Evelyne Powell, Sharon Duffy, Noble Emery and Akiko Ogawa</td>
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<td><strong>Beverages:</strong> Dave Altman and Beacon Lum.</td>
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<th>Awarded Plants for June Meeting</th>
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<td><strong>1st Place (3 pts)</strong> Dendrobium Oriental Smile ‘Fantasy’ AD/AOS Sheridan Mathias</td>
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<td><strong>2nd Place (2 pts)</strong> Laelia purpurata var. werkhauseri Bernice Lindner</td>
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<td><strong>3rd Place (1 pt)</strong> Paphiopedilum Dellaina Dianna Vavrek</td>
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<td><strong>Look What I Bloomed For The Very First Time Ribbon (1pt)</strong> Elleanthus amethystinus Akiko Ogawa</td>
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![Dendrobium Oriental Smile ‘Fantasy’](image)

Dendrobium Oriental Smile ‘Fantasy’ 1<sup>st</sup> Place in June Grown by Sheridan Mathias
I thought I would start you off with some random thoughts. You know that if I’m starting the review article like this I either: A) didn’t show up for the lecture - false, B) couldn’t keep up with the lecture - true, or C) took lousy notes so I need some filler - true. So, you may want to skip this review article.

My wife went to her first scrap booking party the other day. You know, like the Tupperware parties of old. You go over to the neighbor’s house with fifteen other women and one gal gets up and shows you the entire product line, which in this case was scrap book supplies, and how you really could never live without some of these great products. It will change your life and you’ll have fun cutting and pasting for hours on end.

The neighbor hosting this particular party was right next door and all of the ladies cars were parked out in front of our house. One of the cars was obviously the guest speakers. How did I know this? The license plate on her car LV4SRAP. Love for scrap. Oh my!!! I knew immediately that we couldn’t let this go without informing the entire world about my true feelings about scrap booking. I sent my 14-year-old son out in front with a roll of masking tape and a felt marking pen. Chris blocked out the letter “S” on the license plate and drew in the letter “C”. Oh Yes! LV4SRAP was now LV4CRAP. It felt so great. What a laugh. It was only later on that evening when my wife returned home with a receipt for $156 dollars in purchases that I didn’t think it was funny any more. In hindsight I still think I got more than my moneys worth out of the deal.

Masdevallias was the June topic and Mary E. Gerritsen was our guest speaker. I’ll boil it all down for you. If you want to grow Masdevallias, and grow them well, you need to move to Pacifica. They like it cool and moist. If you need more information she has a new book out called Masdevallias Gems of the Orchid World.

P.S. Don’t bother applying for the license LV4CRAP, I plan on getting that for my wife’s van as she embarks on her new hobby. That is, if she doesn’t get it for me first. She reads the stuff I write and that’s how she sums it up.

Brad

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Announcements!!!

The theme for the Annual Picnic and Auction: Mardi Gras

The Diablo View Annual Picnic and Auction will take place on August 19, 2006 at Bob and May 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. Start working on your costumes!!! More details next month.
In Memoriam

Dale and Stan Dinsmore

It saddens us to inform the membership on the passing of Stanley Dinsmore on Friday, June 16. Stan, one of the founding fathers and current member of the DVOS, was also a member and the webmaster of the Hilo Orchid Society.

Our sincerest condolences to Dale, Stan's wife of 40 years, and to the Dinsmore family. Stan will be missed by all who have known him.
June 6, 2006, Pacific Central Supplemental Center, San Francisco

Bulbophyllum frostii 'Ruby Slippers' species, CCM 84
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Cleisocentron merrilianum 'Astrea' species, CBR (prov)
Exhibited by Walter M. Shinn

Laelia purpurata 'Lillian Sparks' species, AM 81
Exhibited by Walter M. Shinn

Lycaste unnamed hybrid '06-06-06'
(Lyc. Rowland x Lyc. aromatica)
HCC 77 (prov), Exhibited by Japheth Ko

Masdevallia Monarch 'Cow Hollow'
(Masd. macrura x Masd. veitchiana)
CCM 82, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

Pictures can be seen at http://www.aospacificcentral.org

June 7, 2006 California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

Dendrobium victoriae-reginae 'Purple Ogre' species
AM 80, Exhibited by Ramon De Los Santos

Lc. Samba Crown 'El Dorado'
(L. sincorana var. coerulea x C. warneri var. coerulea)
HCC 76, Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Maxillaria cryptodon 'Joan'*
species
CHM 81 (*prov), Exhibited by Howard Gunn

Paphiopedilum Julius 'Raymond'
(Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. lowii)
HCC 76, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowski

Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin 'Joan'
(Paph. philippinense x Paph. rothschildianum)
HCC 75, Exhibited by Howard Gunn

Pictures can be seen at http://www.csnjc.org

2nd Place Winner
Laelia purpurata var. werkhauseri
Grown by Bernice Lindner

Beautiful Greenhouse in very good condition for sale
If you have any interested parties, please have them contact: Susan Flaster - 925-962-6926
susanflaster@comcast.net with GREENHOUSE in the subject line
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