At Our next meeting

June 12

Cool-Growing Orchids of the Cattleya Alliance

by Dennis Olivas

Dennis a very knowledgable orchidist, who has been growing orchids for 45+ years. He grows thousands of orchids in his unheated 3,000 sq foot greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. This makes him an expert on the care and culture of orchids which prefer a cooler growing enviornment. He is an AOS judge. His talks are always lively and entertaining.

Speaker’s Dinner will be at the Sichuan Fortune House at 41 Woodsworth Ln. in Pleasant Hill at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend, please call Liz Charlton at 925-280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Dennis Olivas
Nick Burnett led the D.V.O.S. meeting through an armchair view of the 19th World Orchid Conference which was held in January, in Miami, Florida. There were 128 vendors along with 29 orchid societies in attendance and over 2,500 participants all involved in making this a huge spectacle worthy of worldly attention.

The slides were spectacular, showing the best orchids from all around the world. A kaleidoscope of colors depicting phaelanopsis hybrids from Taiwan, vandas from South Florida, and disas from Africa all demonstrated the beauty of the orchid world.

The "Grand Champion Award" and "Best in Show" went to Robert Fuchs. The "Peoples Choice Award" for the exhibit that the non-judges thought was the best went to Krull-Smith, who reportedly spent over $100,000 on the display.

One of the most interesting parts of the slide show was the vendor booths. The hot item was, of course, the hybrids of the newly discovered orchid Phragmapedium kovachii. This fushia-colored lady slipper orchid is the most sought after orchid available.

Anyone interested in attending the next World Orchid Conference can start to make their reservations now for Singapore in the year 2011.

Thanks again Nick!

-Brad Piini
DVOS 2008 orchid roundup

DVOS BOARD

The DVOS annual picnic is scheduled for August 16, 2008. As has been the custom, it will be held at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder.

This event is open to all DVOS members and guests including cowboys, rodeo clowns, and dance hall girls.

Everyone is encouraged to bring an orchid to donate to the auction fundraiser.

Food will be whatever the cooks rustle-up. To be on the safe side members should plan to bring food according to the following schedule A-E Dessert, F-I Side Dish, J-Q Salad, R-Z Hor D’oeuvres.

Set-up 10:30-12:00, Lunch 12:30-1:30, Auction 2:00-3:30, Clean-up 4:00-5:00.
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Diablo View Orchid Society

June 2008

Awarded Plants in April

1st Masd. coccinea v. alba
‘Snowbird’ AM/AOS
Ken Cook

2nd Ctsm. tenebrosum ‘#3’ x Ctsm.
Donna Wise ‘Kathleen’ AM/AOS
Akiko Ogawa

3rd Bulb. makoyanum Linda Castleton

Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Aerangis citrata ‘Waterfield’
HCC/AOS
Frank English

Beginner’s Corner:
Charis Anderson

Masd. coccinea v. alba ‘Snowbird’ AM/AOS
The next Board Meeting
will be at the home of Brian Wraxall on
June 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Ctsm. tenebrosum ‘#3’ x Ctsm
Donna Wise ‘Kathleen’ AM/AOS

Upcoming Speakers and Events

June 12: Dennis Olivas “Cool-Growing Orchids of the Cattleya Alliance”
July 10: Dave Sorokowsky “Semi-Hydroponic Growing Techniques”
          Ice cream social
Aug 14: Sue Wedegaertner and friends “The AOS Judging System”
Aug 16: DVOS Picnic at Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder’s

Refreshments for the June Meeting

The food and drink list disappeared after the last meeting. If you signed-up for food or drink, you know who you are. Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact Phyllis Arthur
Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to the new members who joined in May 2008:

**Bayan Culhane** from Danville and

**Lilia Riley & Julie Flores** from Pittsburg

This brings DVOS up to 96 members.

If you have not received one yet please contact me or see me at the next meeting.

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*AOS Awards May 2008*

Awards and pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page [http://www.aos pacificcentral.org](http://www.aospacificcentral.org)

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center
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