DVOS meets on the third Thursday of the month in the McHale Room at the Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Dr. in Pleasant Hill, CA.
7:30-10:00 pm
AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY March 19 at 7:30 P.M. in the McHale Room at the Pleasant Hill Community Center**
Carol Klonowski will talk on South African Orchids and the World Orchid Conference

**PLANT TABLE:**

Plant table will be provided by Liz Charlton

**SPEAKER’S DINNER**

BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING AT 5:30:

*Sichuan Fortune House,*
41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill

**BOARD MEETING:**

**Thursday March 26th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Miki Ichiyanagi**
At Our Next Meeting March 19
African Orchids and the WOC

Carol Klonowski will be our speaker for March. She will share with us her recent visit to Johannesburg, South Africa to attend the 21st World Orchid Conference.
February is Academy Awards month where awards are given for a variety of categories in the motion picture business. Best Actor or Actress, Best Sound Editing, Best Film Editing, Best Musical Score and of course, the granddaddy of them all, Best Picture. This year’s winner for Best Picture was given to “Birdman”.

DVOS was treated to an exclusive, unedited, uncut, never before seen in public raw footage viewing of “Birdman”. It was a classic Sung Lee big budget production with lead actor Jim Wert performing on a backstage lot somewhere in Berkeley, California. The opening scene shows the protagonist (Jim Wert) in a plastic lawn chair surrounded by the environment that he himself has obviously chosen as a way of life. Orchids behind him, a flock of birds, chickens, off to the side, and a hundred or so flies circling overhead. It appears to be an austere existence, some might even describe as Spartan.

This storyline is as old as time. A man sits there in his chair and describes how he was once set in life. He had everything you could ever want and craved nothing, but was somehow still unfulfilled.
He had the love of a beautiful wife, a good job, a well-furnished, and comfortable home and a simple yard to maintain. This lifestyle went on for many years, then suddenly, a new love caught Jim's eye. At first he was lured in by the sight of this exotic beauty, then the intoxicating smell. Although he was already committed to his wife, he felt that this new love was something that he had been longing for all his life. This new love of his would be called orchids. As the movie progresses, Jim describes just how he pursued his new passion, starting out on a very small scale with just one at a time. Puppy love if you will. Then with time, his love of orchids multiplied and began to take over his life. Jim paid a dear price for this choice. He was immediately relegated to the outside world where it was just him and his greenhouse full of orchids. His wife still lives in the house adjacent to the property where Jim and his new love reside. It seems to be a very strange living situation but apparently it's Berkley and the notion of free love is still respected. There is some rare footage from “Birdman” where Jim is actually seen inside the house sitting in a comfortable chair reflecting on how his life used to be. His entire monologue continues to speak about his new love orchids.

The final scene shows the birdman in his element. He is feeding his flock of chickens then taking the straw from beneath their feet and thrusting that straw into the ground, working the straw into the soil then defiantly raising his blackened hands as if to show society that its rules about hand hygiene don’t apply to him.

As the house lights were raised the DVOS audience was clearly impressed by the passion shown by lead actor Jim Werts. To many in the audience, it represented the love that they also had experienced somewhere in their past and had to face that same hard choice in life.

Much thanks to Sung Lee for his video and to lead actor Jim Werts for their cinematography masterpiece- Birdman

Note! No flies were harmed in the filming of this movie.

Review by Brad Piini
DVOS at the Pacific Orchid Exposition

Congratulations to:

**DVOS** 2nd Place winner for Display by a Visiting Society

**Tom Pickford**
Best Paphiopedilum Alliance
Advanced

**Sung Lee**
Plant of Another Genus
Novice

**Eileen Jackson**
Best Dendrobium
Novice

**Sharon Duffy**
Best Cattleya Alliance
Novice
Awards DVOS February 2015

Novice
1st  Cym. Noname       Susan Fetter
2nd  Zygopetalum Noname   Heidi Crespin
3rd  Pterostylis curta       Meg Crosby

Intermediate
1st  Slc. Hazel Boyd ‘Elizabeth’     Phyllis Arthur
2nd  Den. kingianum ‘Bardo Rose’ Judith Johnston
3rd  Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite ‘Chariots of Fire’
                  Judith Johnston

Advanced
1st  Renantanda Bali       Mark Dillard
2nd  Neost. Pinky ‘Starry Night’     Mark Dillard
3rd  (Slc. Kevin Hipkins ‘Orange Cascade’ FCC x
      S. coccinea ‘Red Dragon’ 4N)     Jim & Grace Chan

Lancer Smith (species/under 6”)
Leptotes bicolor       David Trebotich

California Sierra Nevada
Judging Center Awards for
March can be viewed at:
http://www.csnjc.org

Cymbidium Noname
REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

FOOD:
(Please cut into servings)
Irene Desmond, Lisa Chow, Mark Dillard, Betty Chinn, Barbara Ungerma, Heidi Crespin, Judith Johnston

DRINKS:
Dave Trebotich, Grace Chan

ICE:
Jim Wert

Pterostylis curta

Z. Noname
DVOS Grower Divisions 2015

Advanced
Kathy Barrett
Cindy Battershall
Steve Beckendorf
Jim Chan
Liz Charlton
Ken Cook
Sue Davis
Mark Dillard
Cynthia Hill
Carol Klonowski
Sung Lee
Bernice Lindner
Ted and Nancy McClellan
Yunor Peralta
Cheryl Phillipson
Tom Pickford
Paul Reeve
Dave Tomassini
Jim Wert

Intermediate
Phyllis Arthur
Linda Castleton
George Cooper
Irene Desmond
Sharon Duffy
Noble Emery
Miki Ichiyanagi
Eileen Jackson
Renate Johnson
Judith Johnston
George McRae
Madoleen Montgomery
Akiko Ogawa
Parky Parkison
Brad Piini
Barbara Ungersma
Diana Vavrek

Novice
Everyone else
Dues
If you want your name in our 2015 roster, you need to pay your Membership Dues.

Marcia Hart is our New Member Mentor. Contact her at MarHart2@aol.com if you have questions or a problem, or need advice on an orchid topic. (Her phone number is in your roster). Marcia will answer your question or find someone who can.
UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

March 14-15: Napa Valley Orchid Show and Sale (see p. 14)
Got Orchids?

March 19: DVOS meeting - 7:30 P.M. in the McHale Room
at the Pleasant Hill Community Center
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March 21: California Orchids Spring Sale (see p. 13)

March 26: DVOS Board Meeting
at the home of Miki Ichiyanagi at 7:30 P.M.

Mar 28-29: Sonoma County Orchid
Show and Sale (see p. 15)
A Symphony of Orchids

April 18: Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale

May 2-3: D&D Open House and Sale9 am - 3 pm (See p. 16)
California Orchids
Spring Sale!

Saturday March 21st
9am-4pm
515 Aspen Rd
Bolinas, Ca. 94924
(415) 868-0203
info@californiaorchids.com
www.californiaorchids.com

Each spring and fall we have a big sale, which includes orchid species and hybrids, cut flowers, awarded plants, and some of our favorite repotting supplies, and often an interesting group of ferns. This is the only time that we are open to the general public. We know that you can get a lot of different orchids at the corner mega store these days, so we do our best to have better, stronger and more unusual orchids, as well as good information on how to grow them.
Napa Valley Orchid Society
Presents
Got Orchids?
March 14-15

Mar 14-15 10 am - 4 pm
Napa Sr Center 1500 Jefferson St Napa
707-252-4050     nv-os.org

Free admission - Quality orchids - Art
Raffle - Supplies - Demos

Rntda. Bali

Leptotes bicolor
Sonoma County Orchid Society
Proudly Presents Our Annual Show & Sale

A Symphony of Orchids

March 28 - 29, 2015
Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Admission $8.00

Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA
(Across from the Fairgrounds) www.sonomaorchids.com

Neost. Pinky 'Starry Night'

Sle. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth'
D & D Flowers Spring Open-house May 2nd & 3rd, 2015
9:00 am to 3 pm
At the new location on 169 1st Avenue Daly City, CA 94014
(D&D Flowers is not open to the public except during the spring
and fall scheduled open houses)

Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore exit and veer to the right onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street (service station on the right and Krispy Kream Donut at opposite corner). Go over the freeway, through Junipero Serra Blvd to San Pedro (Catholic Church at intersection). Make a left onto San Pedro and continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy’s. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Directions 280 north of Hicky Blvd.: Take the Pacifica/Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the right to the Eastmoore Avenue exit. At the stop light, you would like to be on the 2nd lane to the left. Turn left onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light; make a right turn onto San Pedro Road. Then continue through Mission Street between

(Slc. Kevin Hipkins ‘Orange Cascade’
x S. coccinea ‘Red Dragon’ 4N)
DVOS OFFICERS 2015

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