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NEXT MEETING Thur. Mar. 12 5:30 Speaker's Dinner 7:30 Meeting Begins 8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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At Our next meeting March 12

More Orchids of MEXICO by Omar Rocha

Most of us are familiar with the beautiful laelia's of Mexico, but tonight we will see and learn about some of the more unusual orchids from Mexico. Many of these species will grow out of doors in the Bay Area

Our guest speaker for the month of March is Omar Rocha from Mexico City. Omar is a biologist, and for the past 12 year he has been working with the Mexican Government in the Wildlife Management & Development department. He is involved in assessing and evaluating wildlife populations (both animal and plant) in Mexico. His field work requires many visits to habitats of native Mexican orchids.

Omar is an avid orchid hobbyist and has served as President of the Mexican Orchid Society (A.M.O) from 2004 – 2006.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Mangia Bene (Italian), 1170 Arnold Dr #116 (in the strip mall.) Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Orchid Gulch.



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DVOS Board Members:

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Parky Parkison

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Alice Tomassini

Jamie Wasson

Our speakers in February were

Linda Castleton, Brian

Wraxall, Sue Fordyce, and
Eileen Jackson

How to get new roots on a paphiopedilum

by Eileen Jackson

Take the plant out of the potting medium it is in, take off the old dead roots and the bottom pair of leaves if they are in poor condition. Place the plant in washed, large size perlite, covering the base of the plant, as this is where the new roots will come from. The perlite then needs to be

watered with Dyna Gro KLN rooting concentrate at a ratio of one teaspoon per gallon of water. Set this pot into a slightly larger plastic pot with about 1 inch of rocks in the base, then set this in a tray of water which covers the rocks. Change this water weekly and water the plants with the Dyna Gro solution 2 times a week. After a couple of months take the plant out of the perlite and check for new roots. When they are a couple of inches long they can be put back in your regular potting medium.

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Membership:
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Linda Castleton

Linda Castleton Bernice Lindner Madge Fordyce Jennifer English Melissa Sadler

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Rita Tischler

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Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest Representative:

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairman:

Dennis Olivas

Sue Fordyce's Tips on Cattleya Care

Sue Fordyce informed us on the care of Cattleyas. Observation is key to any healthy plant, and she pointed out the signs of "impending doom" from overwatering, lack of sunlight and overpotting. It is important to get your newly potted Catt "anchored", especially if it does not have many roots, by securing it in in the pot with a stake across the rhizome. Catts love to dry out inbetween watering, so use a very porous potting medium, She uses 4 parts med. to lg. bark, 1 part charcoal and 1 part #3 grade perlite.

Masdevallias (or most don't like it hot!) by Brian Wraxall

Most of these plants are intermediate or cool growing so I grow many of mine outside in the shade with no direct sun. I use Sluggo to keep the snail population down. Masdevallias are shallow rooted & like high humidity (70%). Clay pots with sphagnum moss or



sphagnum/small bark mixes work well. Some like a little charcoal. Experiment to find what works for you. If you grow these plants in a greenhouse, the winter is OK. If they start to flower in the greenhouse during the summer or it gets really hot, move them out or they will get stressed and you will loose the flowers or even the plant.

Phalaenopsis presented by Linda Castleton

It's all about humidity. Phals don't like to dry out. They prefer the same conditions as people, so they are easy to grow indoors. Weak roots can be saved by soaking them in a rooting compound such as KLN, and placing



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Danville

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David and Alice Tomassini 3 Woodside Ct. (925) 736-7630 atomassini@aol.com

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Dennis Olivas 62 Oceanside Dr. (925) 696 -1246 dolivas@comcast.com (By appointment only)

Livermore Fordyce Orchids

Frank and Sue Fordyce (925) 600 - 8406

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White Oak Orchids, Inc.

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Huei-Mei Chen & Gregory Mayfield (925) 946-9740 www.diabloorchids.com

Congratulations! to Sharon Duffy First winner of the Founder's Trophy



Eileen Jackson and Noble Emery presenting the Founders' Trophy to Sharon Duffy



SI. Gratrixiae 'Jolen' AM/AOS

The Founders' trophy was designed and donated by Noble Emery.

It is a perpetual trophy, awarded annually, to the member who has accumulated the most points, during the previous year. Points are awarded to plants at our monthly meetings according to the following schedule:

1st place: 3 pts - 2nd place: 2 pts - 3rd place: 1 pt - Lancer: 1 pt - Novice: 1 pt Sharon won with 10 points. Runners up were Phillis Arthur, Diane Ecoffey and Ken Cook, each with 7 points.

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DVOS Commercial Members 1st Pot Goldon Circle

Livermore Fordyce OrchidsFrank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

Pleasant Hill Orchid Gulch by appointment 104 Brandon Rd. (925) 818-3600

1st Pot. Golden Circle Ted McClellan

2nd Odtna. Vesta 'Charm' Ted McClellan

3rd *Oe. centradenia* George McRae



Morm. New Zealandia 'Tito'

Lancer Smith: (species or miniature orchids) *Morm.* New Zealandia 'Tito' Noble Emery

Beginner's Corner:
Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Hawaii'
Michelia Shields

A Reminder:

Plants need to be on the judging table by 7:30. We are trying to group plants by type before the meeting in order to speed-up the presentation. It is disruptive to have plants arrive after the meeting has begun.

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Bay Area (and beyond) Orchid Societies

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GOLDEN GATE CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY (150) Lakeside Garden Center666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland4th Wednesday Jan-Oct; 3rd Wednesday Nov-Dec, 7:30 pmRita L. Pascoe, secretary, 510-276-2851205 Cherry Way, Hayward, CA 94541Email: ritalpascoe@comcast.netNewsletter Editor: Rita L. Pascoe

DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY (115) Contra Costa Water District Board Room1331 Concord Avenue, Concord2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 pmwww.diabloviewos.orgPresident: Eileen Jackson 707-642-5915117 Muller Street, Vallejo, 94590Email: eileen.jackson@att.netWebmasters: Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlbornwebmaster@dvos.orgNewsletter Eds.: Liz Charlton & Jamie Wasson Email: dvosnews@gmail.com

GOLD COAST CYMBIDIUM GROWERS (110) San Mateo Garden Center 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo 3rd Friday, September-May, 7:30 pm (December Joint Meeting with Peninsula Orchid Society)www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com Newsletter Editor: Weegie Caughlan, 650-948-2342 Email: goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY (180) Hewlett Packard Building - Oak Room Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino 2nd Friday of each month, 7:30 pm www.malihini.org Mike Bautista 650-556-9599 1543 Kentfield Ave, Redwood City, CA 94061Email: 5mb@batnet.com Newsletter Editor: Mike Bautista 650-556-9599 Email: 5mb@batnet.com

MARIN ORCHID SOCIETY (55) Marin Art & Garden Center, Livermore Room, 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm www.marinorchidsociety.com President: Lynne Murrell, 415-457-0836 Email: lmurrell@matson.comNewsletter Editors: Mary Ann Aleandri 415-408-3281 and Sandra Merlo, 415-342-9110 2 Stasia Drive Novato, CA 94947 Email: maleandri@comcast.net and merlo.sandra@gmail.com

NAPA VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY (70) Napa Valley Senior Activity Center 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa 4th Friday of each month, 7:30 pm www.NapaValleyOrchidSociety.org Noble Emery, 707-255-1529 2534 Darroch Court Napa, CA 94558-2616 Newsletter Editors: Noble Emery and Pam Zeidell Email: n emery@sbcglobal.net and pzeidell@hotmail.com

ORCHID FORUM OF SACRAMENTO (30) Garden and Art Center in McKinley Park 3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 pm No December meeting. Jay Klock, 916-983-0581 Email: jklock@pacbell.net Orchid Forum of Sacramento 5 Pebble Court, Sacramento, CA 95831 Newsletter Editor: Jay Klock

ORCHID SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA (180) Lakeside Garden Center 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 pm AOS Judging: 7:00 pm www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com President: Walter James 510-690-0375 27778 Dobbel St. Hayward, CA 94542 Email: waljam1946@yahoo.com Newsletter Editor: Jo Halberstadt Email: oscnews.OrchidSocietyofCa@gmail.com

PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY (230) San Mateo Garden Center 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo 4th Friday of each month (except December, 3rd Friday), 7:45 pm Skill Session: 7:00 pm http://penorchidsoc.org President: **Ken Jacobsen, 650-631-4235** Newsletter Editor: Chaunie Langland 510-494-8850 Email: the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net

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PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE OF THE BAY AREA Quarterly meetings at irregular times and locations. Contact Kathy Parker for information about the next meeting Kathy Parker Email: jandkparker@mindspring.com No newsletter

SACRAMENTO ORCHID SOCIETY (200) Odd Fellows Hall 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm (Doors Open at 6:00 pm)AOS Judging: 7:00 pm www.sacramentoorchids.org www.sacorchidshow.com President: Jose RodriguezEmail: jose.j.rodriguez@usace.army.mil Vice President: Cathy Norris Email: cathy@samnorrisconstruction.com Newsletter Editor: Candace Landerman 9256 Rancho Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624-2148 FAX: 916-685-2927 Email: Candace@elkgroveorchids.net

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY (60) Shepard Garden and Art Center 3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento 4th Wednesday of January-June, September-November, 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 pm) www.sacramentocymbidiums.org President: Rich Heisler, 916-989-1650 Email: rheisler@rcsis.com Newsletter Editor: Jim Lothrop 67 Parklite Circle Sacramento, CA Email: jdlothrop@sbcglobal.net

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY (250) SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, San Francisco 1st Tuesday of each Month, 7:30 pm AOS Judging: 7:00 pm, Skill Session: 7:05 pm Information Line, 415-665-2468 www.orchidsanfrancisco.org Jean Lee, 415-665-6079 Email: jeanleeorchids@gmail.com Newsletter Editor: Angelic Nguyen 408-476-7153 1361 Plum Street San Jose, CA 95110 Email: angelic@orchidesign.com

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY (250) Veterans Memorial Building (Dining Room) 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa (Across from County Fairgrounds) 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm www.sonomaorchids.com Newsletter Editor: Jim Foster, 707-762-7124 827 Cleveland Avenue, Petaluma CA 94952 Email: foster@sonic.net

TROPICAL PLANT SOCIETY OF MODESTO (41) Stanislaus Union School (multi-purpose room) 1931 Kiernan Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356 3rd Tuesday, Sept - May, 7:30 pm Newsletter Editor: Susan Wedegaertner 209-545-4732 1348 Kiernan Avenue Modesto, CA 95356 Email: wedegaertnerfamily@clearwire.net

Information about the following clubs can be found on our website: http://www.DVOS.org

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ORCHID SOCIETY COASTAL VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY FIVE CITIES ORCHID SOCIETY

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MARIA ORCHID SOCIETY

Upcoming Speakers and Events

March 2009

POE Gala, Show & Sale twculber@hotmail.com Mar 5 - 8:

http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchidfest.htm (see P. 11)

G.G. Cymbidium Society Show, Oakland Mar 14-15:

http://www.ggcymbidiums.com

Mar 20 - 22: Santa Barbara Show & Sale

April 25: Orchid Greenhouse Tour, Santa Clara Orchid Society

(see P. 9)

May 17: MayFair - a joint show from the Carmel Orchid Society

and the Carmel Valley Garden Club. (P. 10)

Express Orchid Exibition (AOS judging), San Jose May 30:

http://events.mercurvnews.com/san-iose-ca/events/show/

86091021-4th-annual-express-orchid-exhibition

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center is holding a Aug 8:

Speaker's Day http://www.csnjc.org (P. 12)

DVOS annual Show & Sale Oct 17-18:

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Refreshments for the March Meeting

Thanks! to Melissa Sadler for volunteering to help Linda with refreshments. Everyone can help by bringing your food cut in serving size pieces and by clearing away your personal serving dishes after the break.

Cookies: Kathi Ames, George McRae, Barbara Ungersman, Sheridan Duffy, Diana Vavrek, Phillis Arthur

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Raul Garcia de Leon, Melissa Sadler

lce:

The next Board Meeting

March 18th at 7:30 p.m. will be at the home of Brian & Joan Wraxall.

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



Odtna. Vesta 'Charm'

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Orchid Greenhouse Tour Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

Saturday April 25, 2009 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. Public Invited!

Six Greenhouses Open for your Enjoyment and Learning Please visit them in any order at your convenience, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Come see and enjoy hundreds of orchids in bloom in our member greenhouses. Learn local growing methods. See how the experts do it.

Doug Pulley, 245 Vista Del Monte, Los Gatos, 408-354-1412 Doug grows and breeds many indoor and outdoor orchids. Closing Greenhouse next year—Orchids for sale including Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Lady Slippers, Stanhopeas, Ghost Orchids, and many awarded species.

Bud Segraves, 115 LuRay Drive (off Blossom Hill Road) Los Gatos, 408-356-8435 Bud grows all kinds of orchids, has used his engineering expertise in greenhouse features. Orchids for sale—Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and many others.

Eanghak Quach, 459 Savstrom Way, San Jose 95111, 408-316-4320 Eanghak specializes in unusual cymbidiums and outdoor orchids. Cymbidiums, Cattleyas and other outdoor Orchids for sale. Special prices! Open until 5:00.

Angelic Nguyen, 1361 Plum Street (near Almaden & Alma) San Jose 95110, 408-476-7153 Angelic loves big Cattleyas, Vandas and Australian Dendrobiums. For sale—Cattleyas, Vandas, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Laelias—cool to warm Species & Hybrids. Open until 5:00.

Tanya Lam, 2096 Mandelay Place (off Yerba Buena) San Jose 95138, 826-1101 Tanya has a collection of many long-lasting and frequent blooming orchids. Orchids and lots of orchid-growing supplies for sale. Open until 5:00pm.

Al & Doris Testa, 3257 Fowler Avenue, Santa Clara 95051, 408-243-7788 The Testas have grown orchids for over 30 years and will have some for sale for the tour.

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This year the Carmel Orchid Society has joined with the Carmel Valley Garden Club Flower and Art Show and the Hidden Valley Music Seminars for our annual MayFaire.

The show will be held at the Hidden Valley Music Seminars located at 88 W. Carmel Valley Road and Ford Road in Carmel Valley Village. We would like to invite your members to travel to the Monterey Peninsula for the May 17th Show. The show, will have many exciting highlights this year. There will be plant and floral displays with judging, lecture series, potting demonstrations, a Silent Auction and Raffle, a Children's Garden, Pottery, plant and Orchid Sales as well as a Flower Café so that you may have lunch while you wander the grounds.

Each year we select some of the finest growers to sell their wide selection of orchids. We know your members and guests will enjoy our orchid display as well as the rose display. We will also have potting demonstrations with information and suggestions for those who need help for their plants.

We hope that you will be able to display our flyer at your next meetings and include our information in your newsletters and on your website. We appreciate having your members participate in our show. Thank you!

May 17th 9 am - 5 pm

ADMISSION IS FREE, Lots of Free Parking

LOCATION

Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 88 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley Village, 11 miles East of Highway 1.

Please visit our websites: www.carmelorchidsociety.org, for more information or contact Carolyn Salmon, COS Chairperson at 375-3748 or cargie@yahoo.com



Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Hawaii'

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Membership News

Membership dues for 2009 are past due. General Membership is \$20, Business \$25. If you want to receive the newsletter by mail add \$10. Please be so kind and fill out the renewal form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. It is also the only evidence that you paid your dues since the check or cash will be handed to the treasurer immediately after I update the database. Unless your dues are paid by March, you will not be included in the club directory, and will no longer receive the newsletter.

Diablo View Orchid Society Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership Chair 202 Gaucho Ct * San Ramon * CA 94583 www.membership@DVOS.org

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPO

The 57th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion March 5-8, 2009 \$12 adv,/\$14 door/Seniors \$8 adv./\$10 door

Friday March 6, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday March 7, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday March 8, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Gala Benefit Preview Thurs. March 5, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. \$35adv/\$40 door



Oe. centradenia

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AOS Awards January 2009

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

2/03/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center http://www.aospacificcentral.org no awards

2/16/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland no awards

2/07/09 - Sonoma County Orchid Show

Paphiopedilum venustum 'Sir Liam', CCM 82 species, Exhibited by James and Kris Foster Phragmipedium Noirmont 'Alexandria', CCM 86 (Phrag. longifolium x Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements)



Pot. Golden Circle

2/06/09 - Malihini Orchid Society Show

Cymbidium erythraeum 'Paradise', HCC 76 species, Exhibited by Gloria Bygdnes
Cymbidium goeringii 'Setsuzan', HCC 78 species, Exhibited by Michelle Bautista
Cymbidium Ison's Wild Thing 'Voodoo Love', HCC 78 (Cym. tracyanum x Cym. Son of Freak), Exhibited by Eanghak Quach
Phragmipedium Suzanne Decker 'Jill', AM 80 (Phrag. kovachii x Phrag. Cape Sunset), Exhibited by Jerry and Jill Rodder

2/074/09 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento http://www.csnjc.org

Bulbophyllum ambrosia 'Diablo', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Diablo Orchids Cymbidium Minnaken 'Khobai', HCC 77 (Cym. pumilum x Cym. Rosalita), Exhibited by Gisela Hymmen Dendrobium Victorian Blush 'Diablo', AM 83 (Den. June Mac x Den. kingianum), Exhibited by Diablo Orchids Laelia unregistered hybrid 'Jocelyn', AM 80 (prov) (L. Canariensis x L. pumila), Exhibited by Jim Morris Slc. Precious Katie 'Red Devil', AM 83 (Slc. Precious Stones x Sl. Orpetii), Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page http://www.aospacificcentral.org California Sierra Nevada Judging Center http://www.csnjc.org

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speaker's Day Saturday August 8, 2009 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Sacramento (where the Sacramento Orchid Society usually meets.) Speakers will include Carlos Fighetti speaking on Taiwanese Phalaenopsis breeding, Ron McHatton on orchid traits and genetics, and Roy Tokunaga on Hawaiian Dendrobiums. Break-out culture sessions will be led by Alan Koch and Dennis Olivas. The preliminary list of vendors includes Gold Country, D&D Orchids and H&R Nurseries. Alan is negociating reduced rates at a local hotel.

Admission: CSNJC affiliates and AOS members \$5, others \$15 http://www.csnjc.org

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Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

Membership \$20 (), Business \$25 (), Life \$300 () Add \$10 () if you wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail. (All memberships are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 1 the following year, your privileges will cease. Monthly newsletter will be by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address. 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: _______
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 (), Wanda (), 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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