At Our next meeting

May 8

The World Orchid Conference 2008

by Nick Burnett

Nick Burnett is the Chair of the Communication Studies Department at Sacramento State. His real calling however is orchids and he is a frequent speaker around Northern California. His greenhouse in Sacramento is filled with phragmipediums and paphiopedilums with a few phalenopsis to keep the snails away from the other plants! Though he is still killing orchids with some frequency, he continues to give talks and learn a little more every day!

This talk will be something of a travelogue. He recently attended the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami and he brought back some pictures of the trip. Imagine a Home Depot-sized building filled with the finest orchids and orchid displays from all over the world! Nick will show pictures of plants, displays, and vendors to highlight some of the trends in orchid hybridization and may just entice you to start saving now for the next World Orchid Conference in Singapore in 2011. Come and just enjoy some wonderful picture of orchids and orchid displays!

Speaker’s Dinner will be at the Elephant Bar located at 1225 Willow Pass Rd in Concord 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 Nick Burnett
Our speaker in April was Dan Newman

Dan Newman from Andy’s Orchids was our featured speaker in April. Dan's topic was "Miniature Orchids - Nature's Small Wonders" The definition of small is still questionable. The San Francisco Orchid Exposition says that a miniature is any plant under 8 inches tall.

Why grow small? The most obvious reason to grow small is that it allows you to grow more orchids in the same amount of space. Another reason is that at least one half of all orchids in nature available to the collector will fill this miniature species category. Finally, when putting on a pair of magnified glasses the miniature world will show the hobbyist a beautiful, finely detailed world that goes largely unnoticed by the casual observer.

The cultural requirements for miniature orchids are the same as for all orchid cultivation. You need to try and duplicate the conditions that they grow in in nature. Their small size does dictate that you provide more humidity and pay more attention to them due to their reduced reserves.

Dan went on to present a beautiful and very informative slide show that depicted the miniature world of orchids.
Club Business

Lately our meetings have starting and ending late. When we have a lot of Show and Tell plants, as we do this time of year, the meeting can get so far behind schedule that we don’t have enough time for our speaker and raffle. Our contract with the Water Board specifies that we are cleaned-up and out of the room by 10:30.

We need everyone’s help to stick to our schedule:

6:30-7:30  Set up. Please do not bring plants to the front after the program has started.
7:30-8:30  Show and Tell. Every effort will be made to discuss all the plants which are brought in for Show and Tell. However, discussion must stop at 8:30 in order to have time for the speaker. This may result in some plants not being discussed. Our apologies to anyone who brought in plants that we did not have time to show. All plants will be judged.
8:30-8:45  Refreshments
8:45-9:30  Guest speaker presentation
9:30-10:00  Raffle
10:00-10:30  Clean-up and put away tables, lights, microphone, projector, etc

Everyone should plan to help clean-up at the end of the meeting so this chore does not fall to the same few people every meeting. There are many jobs to do. Unless you are physically unable to lift and carry, please stay a few minutes and help.
Diablo View Orchid Society

Awarded Plants in April

1st *C. skinneri v. coerulea*
Kathy Barrett

2nd *Ophrys scolopax*
George Cooper

3rd *Bulb. falcatum v. velutinum 'Standing*
Gregory Mayfield & Mei Chen

Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
*Zyt. alleniana*
Kathy Barrett

Beginner’s Corner:
*white Bletia*
Calvin & Charis Anderson
The next Board Meeting
May 15th at 7:30 p.m. will be
at the home of Dave and Alice Tomassini

Upcoming Speakers and Events
May 8: Nick Burnett speaking about the World Orchid Conference
May 10: Diablo Orchids/Orchid Gulch Spring Sale at 101 Lockwood Pleasant Hill
        www.diabloorchids.com/3.html
June 12: TBA
July 10: TBA
Aug 14: Ice cream social
Aug 16: DVOS Picnic at Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder’s home

Refreshments for the May Meeting
Food: Barbara North, Melissa Sadler, Dave Shaw, Parky Parkinson, Akiko Ogawa, Diana Vavrek
Beverages: Vercella Aguilar, George McRae, Melinda Moreno
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

Bulb. falcatum v. velutinum

Ophrys scolopax
AOS Awards April 2008

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

4/02/08 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento
Sl. Beautiful Sunset 'Jocelyn', AM 82 (Sl. Orpetii x L.sinora), Exhibited by James Morris

4/01/08 - Pacific Central - San Francisco
Bulbophyllum lamingtonense 'Cozette', CBR (prov)species, Exhibited by Kreg Martin
Dendrobium linearifolium 'Cozette', CBR (prov) species, Exhibited by Kreg Martin

4/19/2008 - CSNJC - Sacramento Orchid Society Show
Laelia gloedeniana 'Winston', HCC species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
Lc. Summer Rose 'Jocelyn', HCC (C. Summer Stars x L. sincorana) Exhibited by James Morris
Oncidium nanum 'Mardi Gras*', AM species, Exhibited by ? *Trichocentrum nanum

4/21/08 - Pacific Central - Oakland
Cymbidium Arkaba 'Iceberg', HCC 77 (Cym. Sleeping Giant x Cym. Sarah Jean), Exhibited by Anna S. Chai
Dendrobium unicum 'Aurange', CCM 81 species, Exhibited by Blaise Hamel

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page http://www.aospacificcentral.org, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center http://www.csnjc.org
The DVOS up to 93 members.

The 2008 roster is out. If you have not received one yet please ask for one at the next meeting.

Ulrike Ahlborn

Zyt. alleniana