Program:
“Trends and Advancements in Orchid Culture”
Leonard Gines

Meeting Date, Time and Location
When: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002
Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM
Where: Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium
1331 Concord Ave., Concord

Dinner with the speaker: 5:30 PM @ Spring Garden Restaurant
785 Oakgrove Rd., Concord
RSVP (925) 833-0840 or e-mail DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM by 9/10/02

Upcoming Events:
(topics in parenthesis)

September
12 General meeting
   Speaker: Leonard Gines
   (Trends and Advancements in Orchid Culture)
19 Board meeting

October
10 General meeting
   Speaker: Dr. Joanne Whitney
   (What’s in a Name: Fact and some Fiction about the naming of Orchids)
17 Board meeting

November
14 General meeting
   Speaker: Dr. Eric A. Christenson
   author of Phalaenopsis: A Monograph
   topic TBA

December
12 General meeting
   - 1 - DVOS Holiday Party
Message from the President

For those of you that could not make it, the Lancer P. Smith Memorial BBQ/Picnic and Auction was a fun day for all. Many had the opportunity to bid on some fine orchids at some real cheap prices.

Thank you to everyone who brought orchids for auctioning, especially Dennis Olivas, The Fordyce’s and Fred & Francisco from the Paph House. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the preparation, setup, and cleanup afterwards that made everything go smoothly – there are too many people to list.

Our thanks again to the auctioneers: Dennis Olivas, Sue Fordyce and Dan Chiappone. And a special thanks to our gracious hosts, Bob & Mary Lou Van Galder.

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Coming up at the December regular meeting will be the election of Officers for 2003. A Nominating Committee has been appointed, which includes Barbara Tague, Phyllis Arthur and Past President Dan Chiappone as chair. They will present their nominations at the November Meeting. If anyone would like to participate as an Officer or board member next year, please contact one of the above. We encourage you to come forward and help make a contribution to our society. Please feel free to attend our next board meeting to observe our proceedings. It will be on Thursday, Sept. 19th, 7:30pm at the Tomassini residence. (call ahead if you plan on attending).

Dave Tomassini

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Letter from the Editor

POSITION AVAILABLE - NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After two years as newsletter editor, I have decided that it is time to move on and allow someone else the privilege of being the newsletter editor for DVOS. As the saying goes, it’s been real, it’s been fun, and it’s also been real fun, but I believe it’s time for someone else to have the opportunity.

So, December 2002 will be the last issue with yours truly as editor. If you’re interested in the position, please e-mail me at dvosnews@attbi.com. Of course, I will be happy to assist with the transition.

Leonard Gines

Leonard Gines is originally from the Los Angeles area and came to the Big Island of Hawaii in 1970. In addition to establishing his own orchid nursery, he worked for Akatsuka Orchids in Volcano and for Hawaii Tropical. His nursery, Gines Orchids is located in the sunny part of Hawaiian Paradise Park located 13 miles South of the city of Hilo.

Leonard grows Oncidinae Intergenerics, vandaceous orchids and miscellaneous species. He personally collects cattleya species and botanical orchids. He is an accredited AOS judge and the current president of the Hawaiian Orchid Growers Association and a founding member of the Big Island Dendrobium Growers Association.

His program will show you an inside view of the various island orchid nurseries, some of their culture practices, and the current state of orchid production in Hawaii. Come learn why growers have discarded compots and now grow orchids in plugs. His presentation will include a discussion on some of the new media alternatives to the traditional bark. Hear about the growth advantages of using rainwater to water their orchids even though the local water quality is excellent and measures only 50 parts per million (ppm) total dissolved solids (tds). See how this area of the world has catered to non-native species and compare and contrast the conditions to your own growing environment. See you there. Aloha!

Floyd Lundquist and Frank Fordyce at the BBQ

“Dan, that orchid would seem a whole lot bigger if you wore these glasses!”
It’s amazing how many different ways there are to mount orchids. Here are a few tips I learned from Nathalie Smith, Bernice Lindner and Parky Parkison in preparing for the session.

If you have any friends that buy bales of hay for their animals, see if you can get their discarded baling wire. Most baling wire today is flexible and does not rust. You can use it for your mounting hooks. To secure the hook, form one end in a U shape then secure it into your mount like a ‘staple’ to the front of your mount. Have the long leg of the wire go through the full thickness of your mount. As the wire comes out the back of the mount, bend it upwards. Then about 2 inches from the free end make another bend to form a hook. By using the staple method, you can keep the mount from swinging around the wire.

(See illustration)

If you are using tree branches or some other narrow material for a mount, you can cut one inch rings out of discarded nylons. Just cut the legs of the nylons perpendicular to the long axis of the leg. Use these rings like a rubber band to secure your plant and moss to your mount.

You can also use fishing line or the stretch mesh plastic that are used for onion bags to secure the orchids on the mount.

The labels are less likely to fall off the plant if they are wired to the plant or pot. To make a hole in your label for the wire to pass, you can either purchase a 1/8" hole punch from a craft store for about $6 (other sizes are also available). Or you can heat a heavy gauge wire with a propane torch and burn a hole into the label. I’ve tried both and find the hole punch is the fastest and easiest method.

If you have access to old telephone cables, or other cable, you’ll find they are comprised of hundreds of coated wires that are great for wiring labels onto plants or pots. Just cut the cable into the desired lengths and pull out the wires as you need them. Thread the wire through the hole in your label and loosely secure them around the narrow portion of a pseudo bulb or a hole in your pot.

Use recycled materials to mount your orchids and you help the environment. Plus save you money so you can buy more orchids. What more can I say?

Happy growing,
Charlotte

(Sue Fordyce and Dennis Olivas getting ready to start the auction.)
Results from the DVOS Competition

1st Place
Karen Moonitz
*Miltonia Bert Field “Leash” AM/AOS*

2nd Place
Phyllis Arthur
*Lc Little Ben “Freckles” x C Guttata “Green Mountain” HCC./AOS*

3rd Place
Karen Moonitz
*Phrag. Sedenii “Blush”*

Look What I Bloomed For the First Time
No Entry

Lancer Smith Award
Barbara Tague
*Den. Gonzalesi*

Many thanks to our judges Nora Arbis and Rosie Galve

Daily Question

Q: What’s an AOS Judge got that you ain’t got?
A: Pictures

Well, I take that back. Make that ‘data and pictures’. Awarded orchids can now be seen on the AOS Pacific Central Center’s web page located at [http://www.aospacificcentral.org](http://www.aospacificcentral.org) and linked from the DVOS homepage, too.

The intention is to provide pictures, measurements, descriptions not only for the monthly judging center awards in Oakland and San Francisco, but also for local shows. While the information and pictures are actually unofficial until published in the AOS ‘Awards Quarterly’, it’s nice to know what’s going on at the Centers and other shows. Just check the web page.

I have all 2002 for San Francisco Supplemental online already. I’m working on the data from the Oakland Center. I only have a few pictures of awarded plants from the 2001 Pacific Orchid Exposition, but all the plant statistics are online as well as data from a few of the other shows. As show season progresses I’ll get whatever pictures I can from many local society shows for 2002, too. Keep your finger on the pulse of what’s happening in the orchid world around you! Hope you like the site.

Kathy Barrett - mormodes@hotmail.com

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Bernice Lindner at the BBQ

Charlotte Leong (l) and Barbara Tague
Annual Fall Orchid Sale

September 14 ~ 15
10 ~ 5 PM

You won’t want to miss this opportunity
to add top hybrid Cattleyas and other or-
chids to your collection at BARGAIN
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1330 Isabel Ave., Livermore
447-1659

Greenhouse Tours

This is a little late, but I want to thank Mercedes Bell,
Karen Moonitz and David and Alice Tomassini for
opening their greenhouses to all those who joined us
for the Greenhouse tour on June 29th.

A great time was had by all, and we saw a variety of
growing techniques and environments. Mercedes’
back yard was quite jungle-like with orchids every-
where, and she had a beautiful repast ready for us that
morning including coffee, juices, and a huge bowl of
fruit.

We then moved on to Karen Moonitz’ brand new
greenhouse that husband Ken built for her. It is a beau-
tiful greenhouse and she shared with us some of the
problems they ran into during its construction.

Lunch was served at the Tomassini’s and we got to
see where Dave grows his beautiful orchids. There
were orchids for sale as well, courtesy of Nathalie
Smith and Dave. Thank you again.

Linda Daraskavich

Juan Bofill (l) and Parky
Parkison
share a joke at
the BBQ

Our newest lifetime membership inductees. From l-r: Floyd (and Marlene - not pictured)
Lundquist, Dick Emory, Nathalie Smith, Bernice Lindner, and Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder
Have Dinner with the Speaker!

Come join us for dinner prior to the September meeting. Here is your opportunity to meet and talk with Leonard Gines of Gines Nurseries. Dinner reservations are for 5:30 PM at Gary’s Spring Garden Restaurant, 785 Oak Grove Rd. at the corner of Oak Grove and Treat Blvd. in Concord. Gary puts on a nice family style dinner for all who attend. If you get lost, the phone number for the restaurant is 925-827-1900. Cost is $15/person with tax and tip. Drinks are an additional cost. Please RSVP with Charlotte at dvosnews@attbi.com or leave a message at 925-833-0840 by 9/10/02. If you don’t RSVP, but find you can come to dinner at the last minute, please join us. We can always accommodate a few extra people. Hope to see you there.

Charlotte

Our hosts for the BBQ - Mary Lou and Bob Van Galder

Refreshment Room

First off, we want to thank all those that brought refreshments to the August meeting: Juan Bofill, Shirley Kerr, Dennis Olivas, Nancy Pak, and Dave Altman.

Those who have volunteered for September are: Alice Tomassini, Karen Moonitz, Betty Michaelson, Clarence Parkison and Susan Fetter. Beverages will be provided by: Linda Castleton and Catherine Gardner.

If for whatever reason any of you can’t attend the meeting, please call Linda Castleton (925-256-4628) in advance of the meeting.

Linda Castleton
Antonieta Bofill

Apron Orders

If anyone is interested in ordering an apron with “Diablo View Orchid Society” embroidered on it, please let Alice Tomassini know. The cost is $17.00 including shipping & handling. We have a few people already signed up and some who we’ve lost names for. So please either call 648-7667 to confirm or place your order — or do so at the next meeting on September 12th. Thank You.

Alice Tomassini

From L-R, Barbara Tague, Phyllis Arthur, and Alice Tomassini wait for the money to roll in at the BBQ.

Brenda Aday
Last Month’s Presentation

Last month we were treated with a variety of mini presentations by our fellow DVOS members Sue Fordyce, Bernice Lindner, and Barbara Tague. The Society provided materials and orchids for all participants to mount their own orchid. With the experienced guidance of Bernice Lindner and her able assistants Juan Bofill, Linda Daraskavich, and Parky Parkison, members and visitors alike learned how to mount and keep their own orchid. Now they have the exciting task of caring for their mounted orchid. We want to see those orchids at the Show and Tell sessions when they start to bloom. We also thank Brenda Aday and Phyllis Arthur for assisting with our speakers. Special thanks go to Carmella Orchids who gave our Society special pricing on select miniature phalenopsis for the mounting session and to CALWEST Tropical Supply for the discount pricing on the treefern plaques.

The following are a few tips garnered from each of the talks. Sue demonstrated various ways to use greenery and props to help hide the orchid pots. You can transplant small pots of greenery into plastic sandwich bags to help you insert greenery into tight spaces. Floral tubes can be used for additional greenery, or cut flowers.

Barbara grows Den. cuthbertsonii in clay pots using sphagnum moss as the media. This species likes to be kept cool and moist, but you need good drainage. She waters everyday and repots every year. This den. can bloom for 6 to 8 months. Depending on the size and variety, these miniatures can range from $20 to $200 a pot. Although this species might prove too difficult to grow for a beginner, these colorful miniatures can be an exciting challenge for those of you with a bit of experience in growing orchids.
Yummy Recipes - Beet Cake

from Naomi Chamberlain

1 c oil                      1/2 c margarine or butter
3 eggs                     2 c sugar
2 tsp vanilla

3 c flour                    2 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp baking soda     2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt

1 small can drained crushed pineapple
1 small can of undrained diced beets
1/2 c cottage cheese
1 c walnuts                1 c coconut

Melt margarine or butter and combine with oil. Beat in eggs, sugar, and vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients. Fold in rest of ingredients. Pour in greased and floured pan and bake at 350 45-50 mins, or until done.

FROSTING

1 8 oz pkg. cream cheese       1/2 c marg. or butter
4 c powdered sugar            1 tsp vanilla
1 c chopped walnuts

Soften cream cheese and beat in butter, sugar, and vanilla. Stir in walnuts.
Livermore
*The Orchid Ranch*
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas  925-447-1659
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