

A background image of several pink orchids in clear glass vases, set against a light pink background. The orchids are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The vases are of different heights and shapes, some with water visible inside.

Diablo View Orchid Society

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at Our next meeting Friday, Sept. 9th

White Complex Paphs presented by Carol Klonowski

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley gave her a cattleya and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers with an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California in the early 1990's and it's been a serious hobby and passion ever since. She can recall going to monthly meetings where orchid legends such as the late Frank Fordyce would be available to answer the many questions an eager hobbyist could ask. Her talk on White Complex Paphiopedilums stems from a fascination with the breeding effort that produces these elegant, large, long-lasting blooms on plants that carry the genetic material of up to seven species of paphs. She will discuss the history of complex paphs in general, then focus on the effort to create bigger and better white complexes for the past several decades, and the reasons why white complex paphs should be a part of every orchid lover's collection. Carol has served as Director, Vice President, President and Past President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past decade, and currently is an accredited judge, Probationary, with the American Orchid Society, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Speaker's Dinner will be at 5:30 at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln. in Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.

Plant table will be a grab bag provided by Exotic Orchids of Maui

**Next Meeting:
Fri. Sept. 9th
7:30- 10:00 p.m.**

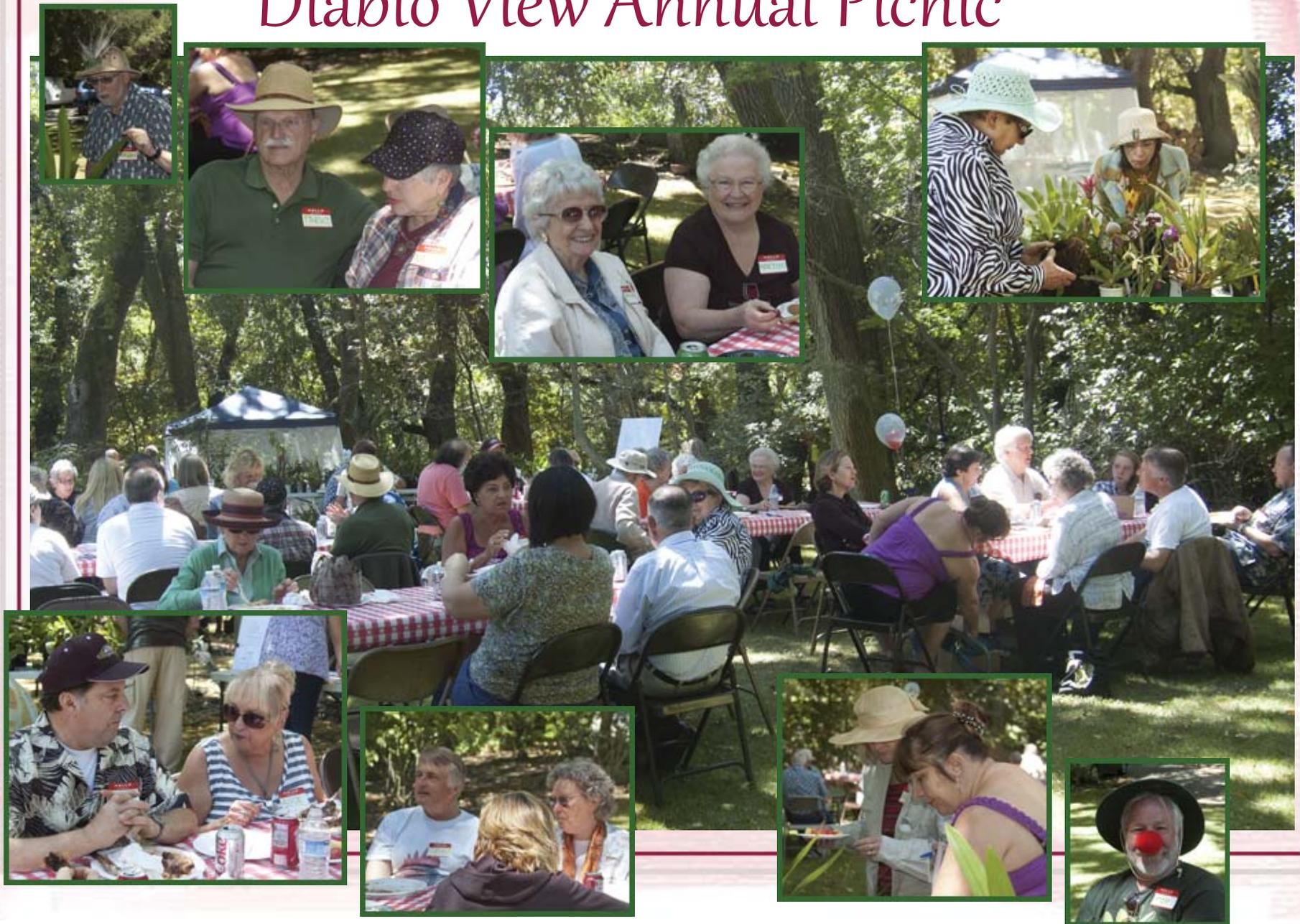
**Contra Costa Waster District
Building Board Room
1331 Concord Blvd.
Concord Ca.**

Map:

www.dvos.org/About/map.htm

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Diablo View Annual Picnic





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The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle

a special raffle offered by the San Francisco Orchid Society , a 501(c)3 organization

Actually, 3 separate raffles, each featuring a fabulous, rare, and highly collectible orchid, and an assortment of orchid related supplies (e.g. books, pots, baskets, potting media). Each prize has a value of well over \$200. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Only 300 tickets will be sold for each prize, and tickets only available at San Francisco Orchid Society meetings (Tuesday Aug 2, and Tuesday Sept 6, OR at Orchids in the Park (Sept 17-18, Hall of Flowers San Francisco) OR through the Razzle Dazzle Raffle committee representative (razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org). Drawing is Sept 18, noon at Orchids in the Park. Winner need not be present

Phrag. kovachii



Cym. elegans

Drac. Raven



Refreshments for the September Meeting will be provided by:

FOOD: *Food must be cut into servings*

Anne Nounou
Bayan Culhane
Evelyn Powell
Greg Scown
Dennis Olivas

DRINKS:
Lori Maher
Dave Altman

ICE:
Irmchen Matull

SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:



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Upcoming Speakers and Events

Peninsula Orchid Society 2011 Auction

Saturday, September 24th

Auction Begins at 1:30 PM

Everyone Welcome!

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

All plants being auctioned are POS member plants or donations

Rare plants, awarded plants, food and fun!

Doors open for previewing at 12:00 PM

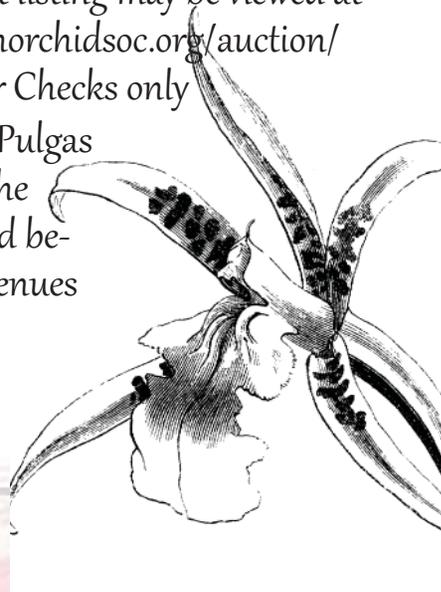
Beginning September 10

pre-registered plant listing may be viewed at

<http://auction.penorchidsoc.org/auction/>

Cash or Checks only

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off of Hwy. 92. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues



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DVOS meeting - **Friday**

Carol Klonowski

- **White Complex**

Paphiopedilums

Sept 24:

CA Orchids Fall Sale (P.7)

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Peninsula Orchid Society Auction (P.6)

Oct 13:

DVOS meeting -

Jason Fisher

- **Neofinetia falcata**

Nov 10:

DVOS meeting -

Kathy Barrett &

- **Orchids 101**

Dec 14:

DVOS Christmas Party

Note this is a Wednesday

Grab Bag Raffle Table for September

Everyone who buys a \$10 raffle ticket will go home with a quality plant in bud or spike from Exotic Orchids of Maui.

Each member may buy one ticket before the break. If there are tickets left over, members may buy additional tickets after the break. Plants will be inside paper sleeves.

California Orchids Fall Sale!



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9am-4pm**

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We are sad to report that Frank Fordyce passed away at the age of 87 on Sept. 17th after a brief illness, His passing was quiet with both Madge and Sue at his side. There will be a celebration of Frank's life on **Saturday, September 17th at the Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivevina Avenue, Livermore, California, at 1:00PM, with a reception and buffet dinner following. All are invited to attend this public tribute to the life of a legend in the world of orchids.**



Frank was one of the orchid world's most revered and iconic figures. Frank and Madge were childhood sweethearts, having known each other for eighty years. During his military service in WWII, Frank was captured by the enemy and was a POW from 1943-1945. In 1946, he began his career in orchids that spanned the remainder of his life when he was hired by Mr. Fred Stewart of Stewart Orchids. Frank worked at Stewart's from 1946 until 1960, when he opened his own orchid business in Oceanside, California. In 1970, he closed his business and began a ten year career with the Rod McLellan Company. In 1980, Frank and his able partner, Madge maintained their "Orchid Ranch" business in Livermore, California, until it was closed in 2006. Frank Fordyce was one of the most gifted hybridizers of cattleyas and his legacy continues to glean countless awards to the present day. He was a long time member, founder of DVOS, and it's first president.

In 1998 Frank gave an interview to the DVOS newsletter

Frank has a long history with orchids, dating all the way back to the end of World War II. Returning from the war as a graduate of a German POW camp, Frank was anxious to start a productive career. He worked briefly for a rare plant nursery before starting a 17 year learning experience with Stewart's Orchids. Frank began his own nursery with his wife Madge in 1962 in Carlsbad, Ca. and specialized in Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and Phalaenopsis. In 1969, the call came from the Rod McLellan Co. to become Orchid Department Manager, so Frank and Madge packed up the kids, sold the nursery and headed to Northern California. With a yearning to return to his love of hybridizing, in 1980 Frank and Madge once again opened shop, this time at the Orchid Ranch in Livermore. Frank and his daughter Sue are well known speakers on the subject of Cattleyas. They travel extensively to educate the general public about the fascinating world of orchids. Frank is known and respected worldwide for his hybridizing skills and is a leader in the introduction of miniature Cattleyas

When asked how he got involved with the DVOS in the first place, Frank responded: I was asked if I would be interested in an orchid society over the hill in Concord and replied that I would. You see, back in those days the view of Livermore from San Francisco was that it was about 900 miles out in the desert. Its a long ways away from San Francisco until you have made the trip a few times. I said that I would be a party to creating a new society if it didn't split other societies. So, with the blessings from the Orchid Society of California's Board about 12 or 14 of us met one night at Dick Emery's house to discuss forming a separate group from the California Orchid Society of Oakland. The reasons that the group wanted to form



First Place Costume, Fordyce clan

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their own society were several. They felt that a lot of the meeting presentations were over the heads of some of the members and the judges met in their own rooms and didn't join in with the rest to share their vast knowledge of orchids and hence, many of the lesser experienced felt left out and wanted to form a group of their own. They asked me if I had done any of this before? When I replied that I had, they asked me to preside over the meetings. I told them that could only be until there were elections. The officers should be elected, not just appointed by someone. The original objective was to have a society that was more relaxed, not so formal where we could have fun and still learn about orchids and not be too political. We had to register as a non-profit organization. Someone found the Contra Costa Water Department as a place to meet. We discovered that we could make money for the club by renting orchids to restaurants. That provided us with some funding and dinner credits, too. That was how our dinners for the speakers originated. Our basic idea was to keep the meeting simple and informal. Keep it fun. meeting simple and informal. Keep it fun.

New Club Pin

Many years ago DVOS had a Society pin. The DVOS Board has decided to issue a new pin to honor Frank Fordyce. The pin features three of Frank's hybrids There will be a limited number of these available (100). The pins will be available at our October Show and Sale.



C. Circle of Life AM/AOS
Rth. David Tomassini
Ctt. Gregory Tyrome Darden
AM/AOS

Speaking of which, here's a

DVOS Show Update

This year we are on track for the best DVOS Show and Sale - ever. Our old venue at the Pleasant Hill Community Center was no longer available, so the Board weighed its options and decided to make the show bigger and better. As one of our members remarked "If we do the same things we've always done, we'll get the same results".

What has changed this year? First of all, we are moving to the Concord Hilton across from the Willows Shopping Center. It's a much larger space in a busy commercial district. We expect a lot of visitors, especially since we have made this a FREE show. DVOS will put together it's usual fabulous exhibit and we will be hosting a larger number of vendors: Gold Country Orchids (Alan Koch), Golden Gate Orchids (Tom Perlite), Orchids and Gardens (Sue Hamilton), Napa Valley Orchids (Deborah Atwood), Olompali Orchids (Sergio Garcia), Barsch Tropicals (Jimmy Barsh - Carnivores and Bromeliads), Paphiness Orchids (Dean Hung) and Orchids by Neal (Neal Tadlock). We will have member sales, a silent auction, and several raffles that will serve as fund raisers. Dennis Olivas' donation of plants for first-time members was a great success at last year's show, so we will be continuing the program this year.

As you can imagine, it has been a lot of work to get a new show underway. We've got the venue and the vendors (thanks to Rodney, Kathy, Jamie and George). There will be magazine and newspaper articles (thank you Jamie and Kathy). We will have new, professionally made road signs and banners (thanks to Brad and Jamie). We are advertised on patch.com (thanks, Heidi).

Now it's going to be up to all of us to make the show a success. It takes a lot of people to help with building the exhibit and setting up the show. On the days of the show, we'll need to staff membership, hospitality, raffles, orchid education, member sales and the plant hotel. If we all pitch in, it won't feel like work.

Stay tuned.

Liz

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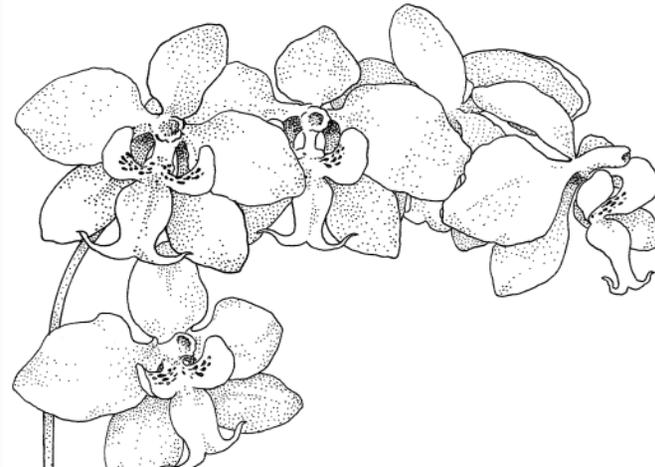
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