



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

<http://www.geocities.com/diabloviewos/>

June 2001

Program: **Dennis Olivas** **Growing Equitant Oncidiums** **(Tolumnia)**

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, June 14, 2001 @ 7:30 P.M. (usual date)

Where: Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium
1331 Concord Ave., Concord

Dinner with Dennis: 5:30 PM (same day) at the Peppermill, 1100 Concord Ave.

Call Pauline Brault at (925) 757-9684 if you're interested in attending

Upcoming Events:

(topics in parenthesis)

June

- 14 General meeting.
Speaker: Dennis Olivas (Equitants)
- 21 Board Meeting @ Barbara Tague's
- 23 Greenhouse tour - D&D Orchids

July

- 12 General meeting,
Speaker: Stephen Monkhouse
(Australian orchids)

August

- 18 Club BBQ

September

- 13 General meeting
Speaker: George Carr

October

- 11 General meeting.
Speaker: Weyman Bussey

November

- 8 General meeting
Speaker: Francisco Miranda
(Brazilian species)

December, 2001

- 13 DVOS Holiday Party

President's Message

Once again we get a lull in our Society's activities. We finished our second annual sale at the Orchid Ranch and now look forward to organizing our annual BBQ and Raffle in August. Although it's a few months away we need to start planning for it now. We do have a chair for the BBQ, but that person will be needing lots of help. We'll be passing out a sign up sheet for volunteers at the upcoming meetings. Please put your name down to help out. We all have fun when we're there but without a lot of help it could wind up not so. So let's all pitch in and ensure a great time for all.

Dan Chiappone

Upcoming Events

A note about our July speaker, **Stephen Monkhouse**, from Australia:

Be sure to check out Stephen's website at www.adelaideorchids.com! If you would like for him to bring you any of the plants or flasks listed on his site, be sure to send him a message at stephen@adelaideorchids.com

Sat., June 23 @ 10 AM

Greenhouse tour of D&D Orchids, Half Moon Bay. For details, see article on pg. 3.

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
JULY NEWSLETTER
IS TUESDAY, JUNE 26**

DVOS STAFF

President - Dan Chiappone
Vice-President - Pauline Brault
Secretary - Karen Moonitz
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AOS Rep. - Barbara Tague
BBQ - Ambrose Chapel
Culture Sessions - Pauline Brault
Greenhouse Tours - Katie Quinn
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Plant Sales - Jeanette Bean

Madge Fordyce

Raffle/Other sales - Nancy Pak
Refreshments - Brenda Aday
S.F. Show - Ron Bettencourt
Sound System - Dave Tomassini
Webmaster - Nick Doe
Welcome Hostess - Madge Fordyce

Board Members - Phyllis Arthur;
Juan Bofill; Charlotte Leong; Alice &
David Tomassini
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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

DENNIS OLIVAS - THE UNTOLD STORY!!

Concord, California - The Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter was able to gain access to secret government files about this month's speaker. For the first time, utilizing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the truth about Dennis Olivas can now be revealed!

Your intrepid reporter has discovered that Dennis Olivas, born in Kauai, Hawaii, once belonged to that hotbed of radical thought - The Future Farmers of America! Indeed it was through his association with that covert organization that his orchid addiction started. He wrested himself from the cult, and at the age of 28 swore never to touch the evil weeds again! It's unclear how long he was clean but we know one thing for sure: Fellow travellers from the cell at Rod McLellan's 'Acres of Orchids' enticed Dennis back into the addiction.

From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he filled his home with upwards of 6000 plants. Later he leased greenhouse space for his ever burgeoning orchid collection. This man is more than just a hardened hobbyist. Dissemination of orchids and their ilk has become his career. His known distribution point is located in Half Moon Bay. He has been traced to every orchid society in the Greater Bay Area. And the most devastating revelation of all: He has been awarded many of those society's highest positions and honors. He wears his hair in a ponytail. Ladies and gentlemen, need I say more?

As a public service the Diablo View Orchid Society offers its members a chance to see and meet this known purveyor of orchids. But BEWARE!! He's a silver-tongued devil! You too may become - addicted!

The Presentation will include culture, questions and answers, and a slide show. Dennis will be providing the raffle table.

Refreshment Corner

I have received some great compliments on the refreshments that you, the members, provide. It is appreciated and enjoyed by all. Thank you for those who furnished the table for May. A reminder for those who signed up for the June Meeting: **Mary DeMattei, Betty Michaelsen, Gail Moore, Jane Holcomb, Lavelle Anderson, Shirley Kerr, Roman Kendzion, Phillis Arthur, James Clements and Juan Bofill.**

Brenda Aday

Greenhouse Tour *D&D Orchids*

Sat. June 23 @ 10 AM

Dennis Olivas, the owner of D&D orchids, will open his Greenhouse for a tour of his facility. I don't know about you, but usually questions occur to me AFTER the lecturer has gone! Or, I'm too shy to ask during the meeting. The GH tour is a nice venue in which to ask these questions in a smaller, more casual setting. Dennis can field questions on other genera also. So please come to see D&D Orchids. He'll have some refreshments for us and if we are so inclined there are a couple of nice restaurants in Half Moon Bay for lunch. It makes a nice day trip. I'll have maps to Dennis' at the meeting. But mostly it's:

go out Hwy 92 towards Half Moon Bay. Turn left across the freeway at the Spanish Ranch woodyard, (about 1 mile BEFORE you get to Half Moon Bay). The greenhouses are in the back across a little wooden bridge. D&D is to the right of the entrance. I'm also hoping that Bartley Schwartz will have his business open too. Bartley is know for his many hybrids and his masdevallias. And his birds! He has a couple of nice parrots that perch on his shoulder as he works. As always, you have the opportunity to purchase orchids at either locale. It's summertime and we should have some FUN!!

A Plea for Housing

Our society will be bringing out-of-town speakers for your enjoyment during the months of July, September, October and November. Please see our schedule for the year in this newsletter. These speakers travel among three other Bay area societies to present their programs. During this time-frame we need to house them and usually their spouses/guests. We are asking for volunteers to house them for one or two nights (second Wednesday and possibly Thursday of the month) during their stay. If we cannot find volunteers the society will have to incur the cost of placing them in hotels, etc. This can be very costly. If you think you can accommodate some of them please let me know the dates/nights you can do so. Contact me (925)-943-2022 or e-mail me at Dchiapej@aol.com. I'm certain the speakers will be very appreciative and I know the society definitely will.

Dan Chiappone

Results from the Club Competition

Look What I Bloomed For The Very First Time!
Ribbon

Encyclia diurna - **Juan Bofill**

Lancer Smith Medallion

Den. cuthbertsonii - **Barbara Tague**

1st Place

Laelia purpurata var. *werkhauserii* -
Barbara Tague

2nd Place

Den. thyrsoflorum - **Ron Bettencourt**

3rd Place

Cochleanthes amazonica -
Mary DeMattei

Thanks to our judges: **Jane Holcomb, Linda Daraskavitch, and Kathy Barrett.**

Membership News

Lets give a warm welcome to our Society's new members: **Myra E. Measselles** from Antioch and **James Clements** from Brentwood. With them DVOS has again 100 paid members.

We had five new guests at our May general meeting: **Ilona Brooks** from Livermore, **Catherine Gardner** from Walnut Creek, **Ann Mcenesney** from Pleasanton, **Jinnie Tom** from Walnut Creek and **Art Tuazon** from Rosemead.

A note to our guests, who attended our general meetings prior to April 2001, please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participate in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues before the end of this month or just bring them to the next general meeting.

Please inform me of any changes in address, phone/fax number or e-mail address so I can keep the data current. You can contact me by e-mail.

ulrikea@usa.net

or call me during the day at (510) 741-6762 or at (925) 830-8830 in the evening.

Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership



Donations wanted!

Want to get a great tax deduction? The DVOS will gladly accept your donation of good-running vehicles, or other real property! Contact Dan Chiappone or any of the board members for details.

Photos from the Club Competition

(for color images go to the DVOS website)



1st place - *Laelia purpurata* var. *werkhauserii*
Barbara Tague



Look What I Bloomed For The Very First Time!
Encyclia diurna - **Juan Bofill**

Photo missing :o(

2nd Place - *Den. thyrsiflorum*
Ron Bettencourt



Lancer Smith medallion - *Den. cuthbertsonii*
Barbara Tague



3rd Place
Cochleanthes amazonica
Mary DeMattei

Livermore

The Orchid Ranch;
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659
Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis
Tonkins Orchids - Paphiopedilums

Oakland

Orchids Fiori D'Amore
Paolo & Nina DiCandia
510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

Hawaii

Yamada's Orchid Nursery
Allen Yamada
5087-A Kawaihau Rd.
Kapaa, HI 96746

Yuba City

Orchid Obsession
Brent & Toni Cushenbery
1477 Oswald Rd., Yuba City, CA 95993
916-673-6763

Walnut Creek

Orchid Gallery
Jing Ho
1501 N. California Blvd.

Martinez

MGM Orchids
Mariano G Morales
718 Main Street
Martinez, CA. 94553

San Leandro

The Paph House
Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan
375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA
510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

Concord

San Miguel Greenhouses
Pamela Leaver
936 San Miguel Rd.
925-798-0476 (by appt. only)

Concord

Nathalie Smith
1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904
(by appt. only); orchid supplies

Danville

Commercial Plant Services
David & Alice Tomassini
586 El Capitan Dr.; 925-837-1780

Half Moon Bay

D & D Flowers
Dennis Olivas; 62 Oceanside Dr.
650-994-7465 (call in advance)



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