



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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May 2001

Program: George Fuller, MBE Disas

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, May 10, 2001

Culture Session: 7 PM - Jack Marks (culture of Vandas)

General Meeting: 7:30 PM

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

Dinner with George: 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)

May

10 General meeting.
Speaker: George Fuller (Disas)

June

14 General meeting.
Speaker: Dennis Olivas (Equitants)

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

Refreshment Corner

Thank you those who furnished goodies for April. A reminder for those who signed up for refreshments for May Meeting: **Linda Daraskavich, Juan & Tonky Bofill, Bernice Linder, Gene & Akiko Ogawa, Patrick Gagne, Bob Akbarian, Susan Fetter, Alice Tomassini, Gail Moore and Karen Moonitz.**

Brenda Aday

Membership News

Lets give a warm welcome to our new members: **Gene and Akiko Ogawa** from San Ramon and **Jill Chambers** from Danville.

The 2001 roster is here. If you did not pick one up at the April meeting, see me and get your copy at the May meeting.

A note to our guests, who attended our general meetings prior to March 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.

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

Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
JUNE NEWSLETTER
IS TUESDAY, MAY 22**

DVOS STAFF

President - Dan Chiappone

Vice-President - Pauline Brault

Secretary - Karen Moonitz

Treasurer - John Chamberlain

AOS Rep. - Barbara Tague

BBQ - Open

Culture Sessions - Pauline Brault

Greenhouse Tours - Katie Quinn

Historian - Open

Indoor/Outdoor Group - Open

Librarian - Phyllis Arthur

Lights&Equipment - Juan Bofill

Membership - Ulrike Ahlborn

Newsletter Ads - Karen Moonitz

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

George Fuller has had a wonderfully prestigious career. He has been awarded the MBE, worked for Sanders Ltd. at St. Albans, and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. He was the curator of Pukekura Park (botanic gardens) and adjoining Brooklands Park in New Plymouth, New Zealand. His scientific writings concern orchid propagation and cymbidium hybridization. He helped introduce masdevallias, pleurothallids and pleiones into popular culture in NZ. But perhaps we would know him best from his huge catalog of orchid species photographs. Alex D. Hawkes has used many of his photos in his writings, including *The Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids*.

Mr. Fuller's awards come from lifelong service to orchid world and the introduction of neglected orchid groups into general culture. That is how he comes to us to speak on Disas. It could be said that by starting a breeding program he single-handedly re-introduced *Disa uniflora* into New Zealand. He sent *Disa* seed nationwide for just the cost of the postage in the effort to increase public cultivation of these beautiful orchids. We have selected this as our topic of discussion because *Disas* can perform well in our climate, too.

Mr. Fuller's friendship with *Disaphiles* worldwide allows him to come to the Diablo View Orchid Society. After speaking at the Spring AOS Trustees Meeting he will tour the US and Canada. He will be visiting DVOS member Mike Gallagher, who arranged for him to talk with us. This will be Mr. Fuller's only other public speaking engagement while in the USA. The AOS described Mr Fuller as 'a New Zealand humorist' in its program notes. Mike just calls him a heck of a nice guy. I can only assume this is due to Fuller's founding of the Kew Gardens-Wisley Gardens Road Relay Race by donating a pair of Maori-carved batons. Come to the talk! I don't think it will be dull and the pictures should be fantastic.

Mike Gallagher (Diablo Disas) and Pauline Brault (eclectic tastes) will be providing plants for the raffle table.

--Kathy Barrett

Culture Session

CULTURE OF VANDA ORCHIDS

Renowned Bay Area Vanda grower Jack Marks will demonstrate his technique of growing spectacular Vandas. Jack grows Vandas and *Ascocendas* in a greenhouse in Oakland and for many years was on the Board of OSC. Please do not miss this informative culture session.

- Pauline Brault

Plant Table Winners

A hearty congratulations to the following winners of our monthly competition:

1st Place: *Rhycholaelia digbyana*
Bernice Lidner

2nd Place: *Paph. micranthum*
Fred and Francisco

3rd Place: *Paph. Golden Gate* (*Paph Maud* x *Paph Black Cherry*)
Renate Johnson

Lancer Medallion
Max. species
Dick Emory

LWIB *Slc Hazelboyd 'Orinda'*
Lillian Zilius
(LWIB = Look What I Bloomed for the First Time)

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.

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
3 Woodside Ct.
925-736-7630

Half Moon Bay

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



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