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


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 database 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

DVOS STAFF

President - Dan Chiappone
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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, MAY 22
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.

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

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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 Ascocendias in a greenhouse in Oakland and for many years was on the Board of OSC. Please do not miss this informative culture session.

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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.

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--Kathy Barrett
Livermore
*The Orchid Ranch*;
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas  925-447-1659
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Tonkins Orchids - Paphiopedilums

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