Program:
“Low Energy Orchids”
Weyman Bussey

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001  
Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM

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

Upcoming Events:  
(topics in parenthesis)

October
11 General meeting.  
   Speaker: Weyman Bussey
18 Board Meeting @ Barbara Tague’s

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

December, 2001
13 DVOS Holiday Party
Weyman Bussey
“Low Energy Orchids”

Born in Germany and raised in Florida, Weyman was a normal kid, until he collected his first orchid in the Big Cypress swamps at the age of 12. He grew up in the same town as Milton Carpenter and worked part time for Milton in his orchid business. Milton invited Weyman to Colombia, South America for the 7th W.O.C. when he was 17 and there he fell in love with the tropics. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1976, where he studied Botany and Ornamental Horticulture with his major professor Dr. Tom Sheehan. In 1980 he accepted a position with “the godfather of the flower industry” in Mexico and later, with a partner, formed a very successful flower operation called Rancho La Joya.

That lasted until 1989, when Weyman, growing bored of making money (for his partners), decided to make Save the Flora International to promote ecologically sustainable development and salvage some of the millions of orchid plants he had observed dying over his many travels around the country and the tropical world. He stirred up a lot of mud in Mexico, and with Fish and Wildlife in Washington, over a dam in Oaxaca, and was officially invited to stop his operations. Being the obedient fellow is, he did, and has spent the last twelve years recovering from his efforts to publicly try and help the environment. Meanwhile to make a living, he has continued to grow orchids, give talks and set up other orchid nurseries in Mexico, all told, four of the six existing today. The family, including two boys and his wife, Albaluz, live in Mission, Texas, where they have set up a small nursery, under the name of Abunda Flora, to distribute his plants from Mexico. Weyman claims to live in his pickup.

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Article Deadline for Nov. Newsletter is Wednesday, Oct. 31
AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards
Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, CA
9/4/01

Name of plant: Blc. Pali Polka Dot ‘Nalo’
Parentage: Blc. Chinese Bronze x C. aclandiae
Award: HCC 76
Exhibitor: Fordyce Orchids

Name of plant: Bulbophyllum Jersey ‘Marion’
Parentage: Bulb. lobbii x Bulb. echinolabium
Award: HCC 79
Exhibitor: Dr. Gerardus B. Staal Peninsula Orchids

Name of plant: Slc. Red Jewel ‘Earl’
Parentage: Slc. Bright Angel x Slc. Tangerine Jewel
Award: HCC 77
Exhibitor: Don Leming Eddon Orchids

Name of plant: Kefersteinia bismarckii ‘Stony Point’
Parentage: species
Award: HCC 75
Exhibitor: Marni Turkel

Name of plant: Paph. tigrinum ‘Laura’
Parentage: species
Award: CCM 84
Exhibitor: Sherwood Orchids

Name of plant: Bulb. pleurothallidanthum ‘Marion’
Parentage: species
Award: CBR (prov)
Exhibitor: Dr. Gerardus B. Staal Peninsula Hybrids

Name of plant: Kefersteinia koechlinorum ‘Stony Point’
Parentage: species
Award: CBR (prov)
Exhibitor: Marni Turkel

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An adventurer at heart, an orchidist to the core, professor of innovation and a great lecturer on Mexican orchids and tropical orchid growing with a minimum investment. Weyman says anybody can grow an orchid, especially if they have the right environment. I guess that’s why he lives in the tropics? His notoriety even got him a brief mention in the Orchid Thief, the popular book by Susan Orleans. He claims he hadn’t been in Florida for 4 years prior to his encounter with the author, because of his painful losses caused by Hurricane Andrew, and that he was entirely misquoted in the book. You’ll have to come and see his presentation to judge for yourself.

TOPIC: LOW ENERGY ORCHIDS

The title is a little misleading, but relative to reality in California. Not entirely a cost question, but instead a “will there be any energy at all?” question. In Mexico they think of energy measurements in terms of the emanations from the species. Something he might elaborate more on during the talk. You will receive a brief psychotherapeutic introduction, be asked to participate in the talk and be rewarded with floor prizes. Don’t be shy or think you don’t know anything, you’ll get an easy to follow handout with all of the answers in it. The presentation will involve a short slide show of the basically easy to grow orchids which will do well in your area with a minimum of care. He will also introduce you to a number of other hybrid groups he’s developed in Mexico, which were produced for the tropics, such as Tropical Flowering Cymbidiums. These are intermediate to miniature sized flowers which grow outdoors or under shade, withstanding high and low temperatures.

Finally you will be treated to a hands on demonstration of how to care for some of the more peculiar growing species and even be able to purchase plants mentioned in the talk at very reasonable prices to practice on yourself. As Weyman says “the company is not called ABUNDA FLORA for nothing!”

WEYMAN WILL PROVIDE THE RAFFLE TABLE AND BRING PLANTS FOR SALE. HE HAS A GREAT VARIETY OF VERY SPECIAL PLANTS.

- Kathy Barrett

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

Ulrike Ahlbom
Membership

 refreshment Corner

Let’s welcome our new members who joined DVOS in July and August!

The membership for CF Hawkins and Rusty Smart from Concord was kindly sponsored by Sybil Renee McGowan. Welcome to DVOS! This brings our membership up to 109.

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Announcements

Rod McLellan Botanicals Open House
Rod McLellan Botanicals, A division of Taisuco America Corp.
Saturday, Oct. 13 - 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
2352 San Juan Road
Aromas, CA 95004
Take Hwy 101 south, past Gilroy. Hwy 101 will run into San Juan Rd.

Orchid Forum of Sacramento Show and Sale
Saturday, Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sacramento Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd.
Sacramento

More info:
Julia (916)991-1693
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Madoleen (916) 338-0253
7:30-9:30 p.m. weekdays
Next month’s speaker: Francisco Miranda

Francisco has one of the best collection of Brazilian species and hybrids in the world and would be glad to bring along plant orders for our society members which would save the shipping charges. The following is his web site:

http://www.mirandaorchids.com/

Please note Francisco’s e-mail and phone numbers are as follows:

E:mail: fmiranda@worldnet.att.net
Phone number: 863-419-1591

- Pauline Brault

For Sale

Large side discharge swamp cooler, 4500 cfm, new motor included, delivery available, $125.00.
Please call Karen Moonitz at (925) 687-1461.

Results from the DVOS Competition

1st place
Blc. Dih Thuy ‘Carmela’s Orchids’
owned by Bernice Lindner

2nd Place
C maxima
owned by Dick Emery (collected in Peru)

3rd Place
Milt spectabilis
Owned by Barbara Tague, (given to her by Bill Hetrick)

Lancer Smith Medallion
Ornithocephalus species
Owned by Dick Emery, collected by same

First Place - owned by Bernice Lindner

Second Place - owned by Dick Emery

Please see ‘DVOS Competition,’ pg. 6
AOS Judging Results
Oakland, CA 9/17/01

Two awards went to Frank Fordyce:
An as yet un-named hybrid between Slc Seagull’s Apricot and Bic Fordyce Fantasy got an HCC of 79 points and Slc. Seagull’s Apricot (Slc California Apricot x S coccinea) got an HCC of 78 pts. This is the only one to flower as yellow, the rest of the cross was red to orange.

Third place - owned by Barbara Tague

Un-named hybrid - HCC of 79 points

Lancer Smith medallion - owned by Dick Emery

- Kathy Barrett

Slc. Seagull’s Apricot - HCC of 78 points

- Kathy Barrett
DVOS Annual BBQ Highlights!!
Photos by Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlborn

Sue Fordyce reads her poem

The bidders are all set...

Dennis Olivas, our auctioneer, regrets leaving his clothes at the cleaners.

Dan Chiappone wants to know who threw the orchid at him.
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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*Adelaide Orchids*
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