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This month's question
(submitted by Linda Karp) is:

Where should I put my greenhouse?

*Refreshments for the April Meeting
will be supplied by volunteers!
This worked fabulously last month
Let's see if we can keep it up!*

April Meeting:

**Thursday, April 11 at 7:15 PM
at the Contra Costa Water District
1331 Concord Ave, Concord 94521**

Our speaker is Mary Gerritsen

"My Trip to Chiapas, Mexico"

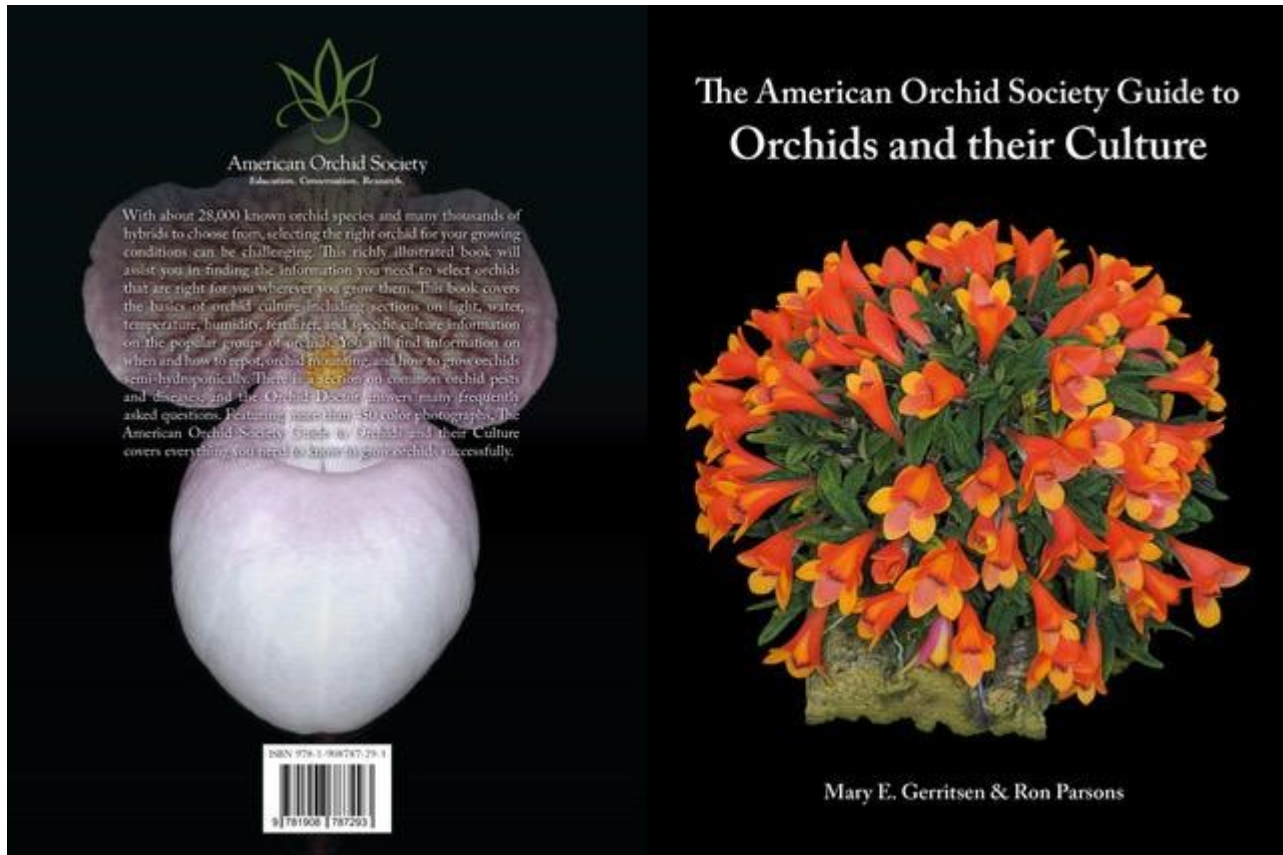
Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. currently works as an independent biotechnology consultant, her "retirement" after a long career in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry. However, much of her free time now involves orchids in some fashion or another.

Mary has a large collection of miniature orchids, as well as numerous pleurothallids, paphiopedilum, bulbophyllum, and dendrobium species which she grows outside, in a cool greenhouse or in an intermediate greenhouse. In addition to growing orchids, Mary likes to see and photograph them in their native habitats, and this has led to expeditions to Australia, Papua New Guinea, Southeast Asia, China, various Mediterranean islands, Europe, Madagascar, South Africa, Mexico and other parts of Central America, many countries in South America, as well as various parts of the USA and Canada.

In addition to her interest in orchids and their habitats, Mary has written, with co-author and photographer, Ron Parsons, a number of books on orchids including *Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World*; *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*; *A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture*; and *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture*. Mary and Ron also coauthored a book on a genus of North American wildflowers: *Calochortus*; *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Mary is the chief financial officer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, serves on the board



of directors of Orchid Digest, and is a past president of the San Francisco and the Peninsula Orchid Societies.



Along with Ron Parsons our speaker has written a book for the American Orchid Society that every orchid enthusiast should own. It has just been published and some copies are on their way to California. They may not be here in time for Mary's talk but she is willing to take checks for \$25 and this will cover postage and also benefit the Orchid Conservation Alliance. So either bring your check book or cash along with your name and address to have it mailed to you.

The raffle table will be supplied by our speaker

Dinner with the Speaker at 5:30 pm is at [Aung MayLika](#), 1050 Contra Costa Blvd, Concord , CA 94523. Everyone is invited to attend and meet our speaker - [email](#) Eileen Jackson before Jan 9th at eileen.jackson@att.com to reserve a seat.

Annual Orchid Sale at Fiori D'Amore

May 4 – 12 at 4526 Fair Avenue, Oakland, Free admission. Phone: (510) 530-4884
9AM until 4PM.
www.OrchidsFioriDAmore.com

President's Message

Dear Orchid Enthusiasts,

I have noticed that my plants have responded to the beginning of spring by developing new roots and showing new growths! I'm glad winter is over because I'm always nervous about either watering too much or not enough. When Spring arrives, everyone wants water. So, it's easier. It's also fun to see new growths!

A new member asked when we can have another potting party. I'd like to expand that concept to: "When is it time to divide our plants?" and "How do you go about doing it?". I bought a giant cattleya daffodil at our auction last August. It has bloomed several times. In fact, it now has 13 flowers on 5 spikes and the plant is so enormous you can't even see its basket. I don't know how or where to begin dividing it.

How many of you would like to attend a dividing and repotting workshop? The one I had at my house several months ago was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed it. If you are interested in another potting workshop you can email the newsletter editor at DVOSEditor@aol.com. If there's a good response, we'll pick a date!

Marcia

What are you interested in?

1. Interested in a greenhouse tour at Cal Orchids in Bolinas? We did it a couple of years ago and it was a lot of fun. After seeing her collection and buying some of them (optional, of course) we do a pot luck picnic among the orchids and finish off the day visiting a local artist who does fabulous drawings of plants.
2. Do you have any ideas for what you would like to hear from our speakers?
3. Would you like to attend a dividing and repotting workshop? It's a great learning experience... real hands-on! Usually it's on a Saturday morning.

Email me back with your responses (be sure to give me your complete name) and we'll tabulate and take it from there! **DVOSEditor@aol.com**

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Paph Peter Parnar x Villosom
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Dave Altman



Paph - Noname
Novice: 2nd Place
Grown by Celeste Graham



Cymb Noname
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Daniel Neighbors



Cypripedium formasonium
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Chen-Ho Hsu

Collages

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Pot Paradise Rose x Ruibescense AM/AOS

Intermediate: 2nd Place

Grown by Mary-Ann Gschwend



Blc Guess what x Hawaiian Discovery

Intermediate: 3rd Place

Grown by Mike Lewis



Arpophyllum Giganteum

Advanced: 1st Place

Grown by Tom Pickford



Coelogyne Cristata

Advanced: 2nd Place

Grown by Tom Wendt

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Lc Santa Barbara "Sunset"
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Phyllis Arthur



Zootrophion alvaroi
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Liz Charlton



A special thank you goes to Tom Pickford and Liz Charlton
for giving us alot of information of each individual entree