



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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November 2000

Program Fred Jernigan

“Orchid Collecting in South America”

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday November 9, 2000

Where: Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium
1331 Concord Ave., Concord
Culture Session 6:45PM Meeting 7:30PM

Pre-meeting Dinner

Marie Callender's restaurant, 2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, at 5 p.m.
Please call Sue Fordyce at (925) 447-1659 days or (925) 449-8903
eve. for reservations at least one day prior.

Upcoming Events:

December, 2000

14 General meeting & Christmas
Pot-Luck

January, 2001

11 General meeting. Program TBA

February, 2001

8 Club auction at general meeting
22-25 Pacific Orchid Expo.
Ft. Mason Expo Center

March, 2001

8 General meeting. Program TBA

April, 2001

12 General meeting. Program TBA
22 DVOS Orchid Sale
at the Orchid Ranch

December, 2001

13 DVOS Christmas Party

Letter from the Editor

Greetings! My name is Mark Rotter, and I'll be the new newsletter editor. I would like to begin by thanking Linda Darasakvich for the excellent work she has done during the past two years.

If you would like to submit an article for publication, please e-mail it to me at DVOSnews@home.com. Deadline for submissions is the Monday following the board meeting. For the December newsletter, that would be Monday, Nov. 20. Also, please note that I'm a lousy typist and even worse secretary. Therefore, please submit all articles electronically and "newsletter-ready" so all I have to do is cut-and-paste. If you don't have e-mail, but do have a computer, a disk containing the article will be OK.

We will also be able to accept photographs. These may be in EPS, JPEG or GIF format. Photographs really liven up a newsletter and give people a chance to see exactly what's going on. Note that since we will be printing in black and white, many orchid pictures won't come out all that wonderful.

Also, we plan to include a calendar in the newsletter. If you have an activity you would like to let people know about, by all means let us know and we can include it in the calendar.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Mark



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IS MONDAY, NOV. 20**

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Raffle/Other sales - Nancy Pak

Refreshments - Millie Ray/Brenda

Aday

S.F. Show - Ron Bettencourt

Sound System - Dan West

Webmaster - Nick Doe

Welcome Hostess - Nancy Pak

Board Members - Phyllis Arthur;

Tom Bean; Karen Moonitz; Nathalie Smith; David Tomassini

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This Month's Speaker

Our speaker for the November general meeting will be Fred Jernigan. Fred has been involved with orchids for more than 40 years. He is partners with Francisco Baptista in the commercial orchid establishment known as the Paph House. Both Fred and Francisco are accredited AOS judges. Fred will be speaking about his various trips to South America to collect orchids with Lil Severin, who passed away several years ago. Lil was a voracious collector and also had a commercial establishment. Fred will have a fine slide show to present to the society depicting the locations and conditions under which they collected Laelias, Cattleyas, Sobralias, and many other species.

- Dan Chiappone

Culture Session

Our 6:45 pm culture session will be given by Francisco Baptista. Francisco has been involved with orchids for more than 25 years. He will describe how to divide and repot Miltoniopsis orchids. Francisco's delight is raising, hybridizing and winning awards for Miltonia and Miltoniopsis orchids. For anyone that wants to find out his successful growing and repotting tips, come to this presentation.

- Dan Chiappone

Raffle Table

The raffle table will be provided by the Paph House (Fred and Francisco), and will probably be one of the best provided, as has been in the past. They grow and sell award-winning Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Miltonias, Miltoniopsis, Cattleyas, etc.

- Dan Chiappone

Refreshment Corner

We would like to thank all those that brought refreshments in October, as well as the following people for November: **Naomi Chamberlain, James Clements, Susan Fetter, Bernice Lindner, Betty Michaelson, Carol Nausin, Dennis Olivas and Leah Sturgis.** My apologies to anyone whose name I misspelled.

Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner!!

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm. To assure this is a success, we need the help from our fantastic gourmet cooks. Please bring a dish for 10-12 servings according to the first letter of your last name:

A - F	Dessert
G - O	Casserole
P - T	Salad
U - Z	Appetizer

Additional fare and refreshments will be provided by the club. Our usual Show and Tell Program and Christmas Exchange will round off the evening. Hope to see you all there!

-Brenda Aday

PROPOSED SLATE DVOS STAFF - 2001

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Plant Sales - Jeanette Bean (I)
Madge Fordyce(I)
Raffle/Other sales - Nancy Pak (I)
Refreshments - Brenda Aday (C)
Sound System - David Tomassini (C)
Webmaster - Nick Doe (I)
Welcome Host(ess) - Madge Fordyce
+ one more TBD

Board Members - Phyllis Arthur (I);
Juan Bofill (C); Charlotte Leong (C); Alice
Tomassini (C); David Tomassini (I)

(C) - Candidate; (I) - Incumbent

Hints and Kinks

“A Poor Man’s Dosatron”

After searching for a ‘Poor Man’s dosatron’ I settled on this design:

1 33gal plastic garbage can with wheels
1 submersible pump - cheap garden pond type
½ inch plastic tubing cut to the length of my greenhouse, in this case 20'.
Hose clamp - to clamp the tube to the pump
Extension cord (make sure your electrical plug is GFI!)

[I had the pump but I *know* you can find these on the cheap at garage sales.]

I fill the garbage can with water, calculate the appropriate amount of fertilizer to put in, and *voila*, I have 33 gallons of ½ tsp/gallon fertilizer to water my 500-600 plant collection with. This has cut down my watering time to a couple of hours, rather than the 4-5 hours it was taking with my 3 gallon hand pump. Considering a dosatron can cost \$2-300 I’d say this is a fair solution.

The only problem is that the pump is rather feeble. It won’t build up pressure to spray or use a nozzle with. So I regulate the water flow by crimping the tube. Maybe one of you can suggest a poorman’s solution??

- Kathy Barrett

“Poorman’s Extension Cord Waterproofing”

Since I spray so much water around the GH, the water often seeps into the extension cords that I have my fans plugged into and grounds out the entire GH. (GFI plugs). Charlotte Leong told me to encase the plugs in a tupperware container.

Well, I’m too cheap to go out and buy a tupperware container just for the GH, (YES! I

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AM that cheap!!) when I suddenly realized ANY old snap lid container would work! (YES! I AM that slow!!) So I tossed out the Bev Mo olives and tucked the extension cord into that. I marked where the lines would exit from the container, cut with scissors, widened space for the lines by melting with a hot nail (careful of the fumes), and replaced the lid. You could caulk the exit holes, but I'm not that compulsive. (Or maybe I should say I was too lazy to do that yet! HA!!)

- Kathy Barrett



Our hosts - the VanGalders



DVOS 2000 BBQ
AND
AUCTION

Livermore

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

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.

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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