



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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December 2001

It's Holiday Party Time!!!!

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001
Dinner starts at 7 PM

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

Upcoming Events: (topics in parenthesis)

December

13 DVOS Holiday Party
(board meeting follows)

January, 2002

10 General meeting
Speaker: Frank Fordyce
(Orchid-speak and lingo)

February, 2002

14 General meeting
Speaker: Rob Terry
(Phragmipedium Culture)

April, 2002

11 General meeting
DVOS Auction w/Dennis Olivas

October, 2002

10 General meeting
Speaker: Dr. Joanne Whitney
(How did it get that name?)

December, 2002

12 DVOS holiday party

Holiday Party and Gift Exchange Details

This December DVOS members, their families, and guests will gather for our traditional holiday feast and festivities. We will not have a speaker program in deference to the party. Our incredible refreshment chairperson, Brenda Aday, is arranging a delectable assortment of meats and members will supply a pot luck of side dishes and desserts. See Brenda's article in this newsletter for what dish you should bring. Rumor has it that Sue Fordyce has surprise entertainment in store.

We request that everyone please bring an orchid or orchid-related gift valued at ~\$10 to give to the gift exchange. If you can't bring a gift, please come anyway as the most important part is sharing in good company.

Our monthly 'Show and Tell' session will be pre-empted by our annual 'Best Holiday Decorated Orchid' Contest. Dress up your blooming orchid and enter for a chance to win a cash prize of \$50 !! So get your creative juices flowing and let's see what you can create!

Do you suffer from sick plants?

Members can bring plants in need of a diagnosis or cultural questions to the monthly meeting. Ask any member for help. If they cannot help, they will refer you to someone who can. But, please, do not place a sick or infested plant near any other plant or on the display table.

Phyllis Arthur

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
JAN. NEWSLETTER
IS FRIDAY, DEC. 28**

DVOS STAFF

President - Dan Chiappone

Vice-President - Charlotte Leong

Secretary - Karen Moonitz

Co-Treasurers - Barbara Tague
Kathy Barrett

AOS Rep. - Barbara Tague

BBQ - George Kaplan

Culture Sessions - Pauline Brault

Greenhouse Tours - Open

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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AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards
Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, CA
11/6/01

Phrag. Hanne Popow 'Sherwood'
Parentage: Phrag besseae x Phrag schlimii
Award: AM 82
Owner: Sherwood Orchids

Den. tobaense 'Green Giant'
species
Award: HCC 79
Owner: Golden Gate Orchids

AOS Awards
Oakland, CA
11/19/01

(The information below is recalled from memory
so don't blame the editor if it's wrong)

Phrag Jason Fischer
Phrag Mem. Dick Clemens x besseae
HCC
Owner: Sherwood Orchids

Lycaste Geyser Gold
Lyc Auburn x Aquila
AM 83
Owner: Walter M. Shinn

- Kathy Barrett



Refreshment Corner

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm. Once again we call on all you excellent gourmet chefs to bring a dish for 10-12 servings, according to the 1st letter of your last name:

A-E	Appetizer
F-L	Salads
M-Q	Desserts
R-Z	Casseroles

Please bring your own plates and utensils, additional fare will be provided by the club. The "Best Holiday-Decorated Orchid" and gift exchange will complete the evening. Please try your best to attend. I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Refreshment Chair.

Brenda Aday

How can I Benefit from DVOS?

A wise man once said 'The more you contribute to your Orchid Society, the more you will get out of it.' This wise man is Frank Fordyce. Frank was not talking about monetary contributions, but instead explained to us that the more active you were in volunteering to help the activities of the Society, the more you would learn.

I've been following his advice ever since and can attest to the fact that what he says is true. You will find that by being active in your society you will have more opportunities to share growing tips and learn about orchids from fellow orchid addicts like yourself. Whether you help write plant name tags for our San Francisco show display where you will learn why the names are written the way they are and what it means, or help set-up for our monthly meetings where you may learn extra tips from our speakers,

*Please see **Benefit**, Pg. 5*

DVOS Officer Slate - 2002

The following is the proposed slate of officers for 2002.

PRESIDENT - **David Tomassini**

VICE PRESIDENT - **Charlotte Leong**

SECRETARY - **Alice Tomassini**

TREASURER - **Barbara Tague, Kathy Barrett**

AOS REP. - **Barbara Tague**

CULTURE SESSIONS - **Charlotte Leong**

GREENHOUSE TOURS - **Linda Daraskavich**

HISTORIAN - **Nathalie Smith**

LIBRARIAN - **Phyllis Arthur**

LIGHTS and EQUIPMENT - **Juan Bofill, Parky Parkinson**

MEMBERSHIP - **Ulrike Ahlborn**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - **Mark Rotter**

VIDEOGRAPHER - **Dan Chiappone**

SHOW COMMITTEE - **Ron Bettencourt**

NEWSPAPER ADS - **Karen Moonitz**

RAFFLE - **Nancy Pak**

REFRESHMENTS - **Linda Castleton, Tonky Bofill**

SUMMER BBQ - **Kathy Barrett, Sue Fordyce**

WEBMASTER - **Nick Doe**

WELCOME HOSTESS - **Madge Fordyce**

BOARD MEMBERS - **Juan Bofill, Mark Rotter, Clarence Parkinson, Linda Daraskavich, Kathy Barrett**

Membership News

Yes, it is membership renewal time again!

Please have a look at the address label. If you see 2002 next to your name, your membership fee for 2002 has already been paid and you do not need to do anything. If you see 2001 next to your name on the address label, your membership for 2002 is due.

The membership fee is still \$ 15 for one or \$ 25 for two years. If you are an out of state member who would like to renew and receive the monthly newsletter, we ask you for \$ 10. Please fill out the attached renewal form and send it together with your check to:

Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Court
San Ramon, CA 94583

Or give it to me at the December meeting. Please let me know 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. ulrikea@usa.net <<mailto:ulrikea@usa.net>> or call me during the day at (510) 741-6762 or at (925) 830-8830 in the evening.

Ulrike Ahlborn

Benefit, from Pg. 3

both you and the society will benefit. No experience is necessary. If interested, just contact the person in charge of the activity for which you want to volunteer.

Along these lines I will approach many of you who are familiar faces at the meetings to present a pre-meeting culture session. Many of you will be surprised as to how much knowledge you have to share with others about your own growing experiences. What does or does not work well for you will help others to be more successful as they evaluate how your conditions apply to their situation. So start thinking now about what you've learned and what topic you would like to offer. The first people to volunteer will most likely be given their first choice topic for their presentation :oD

Charlotte Leong

Seeds and the Mail

“As of Nov. 1, Ball Seed, Ball Superior and ColorLink are shipping seed orders in N. America by Federal Express. The switch to FedEx was based on the recent U.S. Postal Service decision to use electron-beam devices to sanitize letters and packages. By using FedEx the seed will not be exposed to any irradiation or sterilization system. Growers will now be able to track their seed orders online through the FedEx tracking system (<<http://www.FedEx.com>>). Growers can also request that their orders be shipped by UPS from Ball's West Chicago distribution center. A spokesperson for USPS said the agency is aware that certain things are affected by irradiation (including plants) and is working on a process to separate mail that would be affected. It will start installing some irradiation machinery this month. <<http://www.ballseed.com>>”

These concerns are shared by many mail-order nurseries. It appears the amount of radiation needed to kill anthrax spores would be sufficient to kill seeds and possibly live plants. Many companies that have relied on the U.S. mail are considering changing to

an alternate carrier. USPS Spokesman Jerry Kreienkamp confirms that the USPS is working on a solution to this problem.

Contact the post office nearest you for further information, but don't be surprised if they aren't aware of any of this.

Kathy Barrett

Yummy Recipes

Ah!! Winter's here and we're freezing! Remember Summer? Remember the wonderful warm day of the DVOS BBQ? Remember I said I'd share recipes? Well here's one! (more next month) - Kathy Barrett

Madge Fordyce's Creamed Corn

Known far and wide as Frank's favorite dish! He likes the creamed corn, too.

16oz. frozen whole kernel corn (I use petite corn)
8 oz. whipping cream
8 oz. milk
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp Accent (optional)
6 tsp sugar
pinch white or cayenne pepper
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. flour

Combine all ingredients except last 2 in a pot and bring to a boil. Simmer 5 minutes. Blend melted butter with flour, add to the corn mixture and stir well. Remove from fire.

VARIATION: Put finished corn in an oven proof casserole, sprinkle with parmesan cheese and place under a broiler till evenly browned. Serves 8.

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.

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)

Australia

Adelaide Orchids
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Woodcroft, South Australia 5162



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