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April 14, 2005

5:30 Speaker's Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Starts, Presentation ~8:00

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2005

Building a Hobby Greenhouse

Joe Grillo, a young and enthusiastic orchid hobbyist, will provide a night full of information on how to build your own greenhouse. He will provide vital information of the Do's and Don't that will only reward you with the most functional greenhouse. Yes....getting the best bang for your money. As we all know by the plants Joe brings in for the show and tell table, he is an excellent grower. The greenhouse that he built is part of the reason.... proper growing environment with just the right amount of light, humidity and air circulation.

D & D Flowers and Highland Tropicals will provide the raffle table.

Dinner will be at Red Robin at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please contact Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246. Please leave a message on the answering machine of how many in your party that will attend the no host dinner.

Next board Meeting 4/21 at Barbara Tague's house, 751 Skyline Dr. Martinez, Ca 229-0512



Future 2005 DVOS Speakers:

May 12th: Paul Chim (tentative)
June 9th: Marni Turkel of Stony Point
Ceramics



**February 10, 2005 DVOS
Monthly Meeting Plant Display Award Winners**

1st Place: Slc. Jewel Box 'Scheherezade'
AM/AOS
Sharon Duffy

2nd Place: Dendrobium falcorostrum
Diana Vavrek

3rd Place: Cym. madidum X Ruby Eyes
Akiko Ogawa

Lance Smith Medallion:
Leptotes bicolor
Ulrike Ahlborn

Look What I Bloomed For the Very First Time:
Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Eileen Jackson

**Refreshments
for April 14, 2005**

Madge Fordyce, Jill Chambers, Dave Shaw,
Shirley Nagy, Phyllis Arthur, Ken & Rene
Dowdell

Beverages:

Eileen Jackson, Nancy Kieft, Dave Altman

**Fiori di Amore
Orchid Sale**

4526 Fair Ave., Oakland, CA Once again Paolo and Nina DiCandia of 'Orchids Fiori D'Amore' are holding their annual Orchid sale. Located at 4526 Fair Avenue in Oakland the sale will be from April 30th through May 7th (9 am to 4 pm) and May 8th (9 am to 2 pm). The DiCandias specialize in cymbidiums but have many other genera of orchids. It's a wonder to see the beautiful orchids in bloom, grown in well-maintained greenhouses and spread out over their very beautifully decorated gardens. Admission is free. For more information and/or directions call (510) 530-4884.

New Monthly Program: ICU

During the general meetings each month, we will start a new program call the *ICU - Doctor on Duty*. During the brake session (only 15 minutes) while most of you will be enjoying the refreshments, one can bring in a plant to have it looked at by the ICU Doctor on duty. Remember to place the plant you bring in into a clear plastic container. Do not bring in more than a plant at each meeting.

Editor's note: It was suggested this be referred to as the Orchid Intensive Care Unit we decided to not have the initials OICU (you have to read the letters aloud to get it. ;-))

MARCH SPEAKER RECAP

For the March meeting, DVOS sponsored a cultural session with some home-grown talent: Joe Grillo and Diana Vavrek....

Joe was the first up. He talked about repotting phragmipediums, one of his favorite orchids. When removing the old plant, Joe prefers a spray hose to blast the old potting material off of the roots. He then proceeds to pull off any old roots. The plant is then soaked in Physan (anti-fungal, anti-bacterial). For the potting mix Joe uses 3-parts red lava, 1-part medium charcoal, and 1-part coir (shredded coconut husk). He lets the mix soak together overnight before potting. Joe likes this mix because it doesn't degrade like fir bark, holding up much better to the watering the phrags enjoy. The mix should last approximately 3 years.

Joe's "**Golden Rules**" for his phrags are:

1. Water frequently - never let them dry out.
2. Don't over fertilize.

Joe fertilizes with a ¼ strength solution each week with 2 additional plain waterings during the week to flush out any excess fertilizer.

Joe recommends the phrag 'Besseeae' as a relatively fool-proof orchid. One of his favorite sources for phrags is Windy Hill Nursery.

Our next speaker was Diana, who works part-time at Orchids Orinda in Livermore. Diana's forté is phalaenopsis culture. She recommends transplanting in the spring so that the new roots grow into the new bark. The only bad time to repot phalaenopsis is when the plant is blooming.

Phals need repotting every 2 years. To repot phals, Diana uses straight fir bark only. The right bark size depends on the size of the pot: small pot - small bark, large pot - large bark. Diana and Orchids Orinda soak the bark for 5 days in water prior to use. Any bark that sinks during that time is thrown away.

To prepare the plant for repotting, cut off the old roots that are decayed and then cut the dry-end roots back to good tissue. Clean off the old bracts leftover from the old leaves. Coil the roots and twist them into a new pot. Pack in the new bark, but don't bury the crown or it will rot.

Thanks Joe and Diana!!!

P.S. I'm always looking for the meaning and direction in life. On a recent trip to Central Oregon I saw an interesting and unusual bumper sticker -

"What if the Hokie Pokie is what its all about?"

Huh - Maybe life is that simple - if so -...You put your right foot in...

Brad Piini

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

Saturday May 7, 2005, 9:00-1:00 p.m.



Public Invited!

Six Greenhouses Open for your Enjoyment and Learning

Please visit them in any order at your convenience, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Come see and enjoy hundreds of orchids in bloom in our member greenhouses. Learn growing methods. See how the experts do it.

Jim Griffin, 108 Privada Luisita (off Winchester) Los Gatos, 408/395-3888

Jim is a superb grower of cattleyas, cymbidiums & lady slippers; orchids for sale.

Doug Pulley, 245 Vista Del Monte (off Kennedy) Los Gatos, 408/354-1412

Doug grows and breeds many indoor and outdoor orchids; orchids & ferns for sale.

Ed Nazzal, 1487 Montelegre (near Camden) San Jose 95120, 408/268-3573

Ed does beautifully with orchids in a small greenhouse; orchids for sale.

Tom Bailey, 5844 Pilar Court (near Ed's place) San Jose 95120, 408/997-1850

Tom trained with the masters, likes cymbidiums and botanical orchids.

Angelic Nguyen, 1361 Plum St (near Almaden & Alma) San Jose 95110, 476-7153

Angelic loves big cattleyas, vandas and other tropical beauties, orchids for sale.

Tanya Lam, 2096 Mandelay Place (Yerba Buena & Silver Creek Valley) San Jose 95138,

408/238-5168. Tanya does beautifully with many varieties of orchids.

Membership News

New Member:

A warm welcome to **Kevin & Laurie Carroll** from Pleasant Hill, who joined DVOS in March.

Guests at the March meeting were: Evelyne Powell from Walnut Creek and past members Pam and David Fugere from Martinez.

Membership dues for 2005 are due!

The cut off date for renewal is March 30. If we have not RECEIVED your dues by that date you will be dropped from the membership list and will no longer receive the newsletter. General Membership is \$15, Business \$25 (The Board decided to no longer offer the slight reduction of 2 years for \$25.)

Not sure if you renewed? Please look at the label of your newsletter. If you see the number 2004 your dues are due.

If you receive the newsletter by e-mail and are unsure, please send a message to membership@DVOS.org

The 2005 Membership Roster will be ready for distribution at the general meeting April 14th

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting in March 2005: please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participation in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues or give them to any DVOS officer at the next general meeting.

You may send your check with the application/renewal form to

Diablo View Orchid Society
Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Court
San Ramon, CA 94583-2116

Newsletter by e-mail

Did you know that the newsletter is available by e-mail?

What are the advantages of receiving it by e-mail?

- You will receive it fast.
- You can archive it electronically saving paper and space.
- Best of all, the pictures will be in color with better resolution and thus much more enjoyable.
- You will save the Society money for other fun events.
- You will save the editor a lot of time in printing and mailing.

To start receiving the newsletter by e-mail, just send us a message from the current e-mail address and we'll do the rest. Send to newsletter@DVOS.org

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Livermore

The Orchid Ranch

Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659

<http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis

Tonkins Orchids – Paphiopedilums

Oakland

Orchids Fiori D.Amore

Paolo & Nina DiCandia

510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

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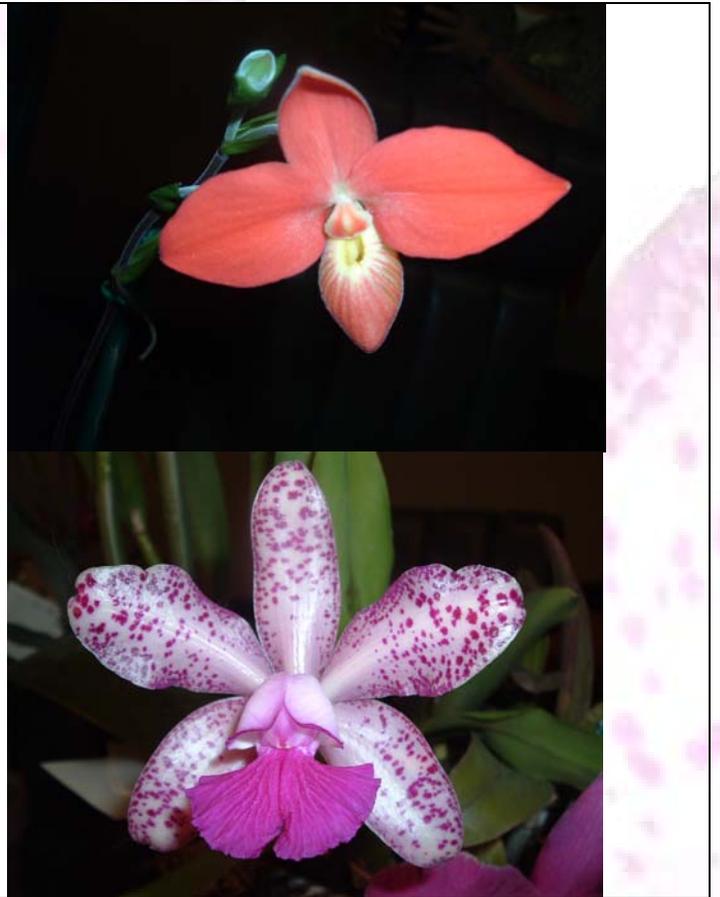
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