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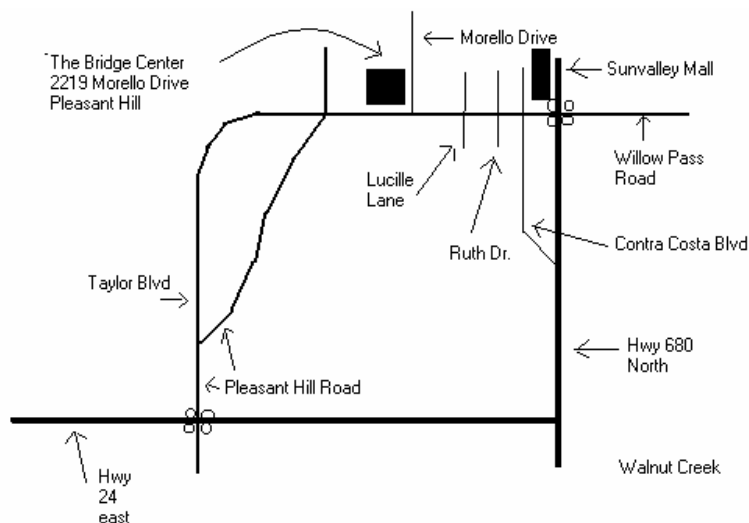
December 8, 2005

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Your "ticket" for entrance to the annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is a two-part affair! First you need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, **enough for 8**, according to the alphabet schedule below. Second you need to bring a gift orchid or orchid related item (something that you'd like to receive yourself) for the Annual Gift Exchange. Make sure any plants are bug free. Bring your own Plates, Cutlery etc.

To keep things lively Santa and his helper Tinkle may show up and determine which little Diablo View Member has been naughty or nice!

The Dinner is at 6:00 PM at the
Bridge Center
 2219 Morello Ave.
 Pleasant Hill, Ca. 94523



DON'T FORGET THE \$50 PRIZE FOR THE BEST XMAS DECORATED ORCHID!!!

A-H dessert, **I-O** salad and **P-Z** hot side dish or casserole.
 Call David Dunn if you want to switch. We don't want to be swamped with desserts or hungry from the lack of side dishes like last time. (925) 969-1246.

<p style="text-align: center;">Future 2005 DVOS Speakers:</p> <p>DVOS Speakers for 2006 January 12th: Sheldon Takasaki More to follow soon!!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November Award Winners</p> <p>First Place: Cattleya George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS Joe Grillo</p> <p>Second Place: Lc. Culminant 'La Tulerie' HCC/AOS X Slc. Seagull's Apricot Joe Grillo</p> <p>Third Place: Brassidium Longlen 'Bill Switzer' AM/AOS Akiko Ogawa</p> <p>Lancer Smith Award: Bulbophyllum lindlyanum Joe Grillo</p> <p>Look What I Bloomed for the First Time: Oncidium splendidum Evelyn Powell</p>
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November Speaker

What is the world coming to? I read that down in Hollywood, Brad and Jen have broken up. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon ends up hurting a couple of people, and still worse- the DVOS November speaker never showed up!!!! Stood up by another woman. Just tack her name on to the end of that long list.

Thank goodness Dennis Olivas is always ready to take over and give us a nice impromptu slide show. Dennis showed the members the various broad classifications of orchids and some brief cultural information about them. The talk was followed by an amazing surprise appearance by the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders. That's right . In full uniform. They were followed by the male Chippendale strippers. It was at this point that I left the meeting and went in to get some refreshments. Champagne and caviar was served in Swarovski crystal flutes and plates. This turned out to be the most spectacular orchid meeting ever. If that wasn't enough, as we were leaving, all present, witnessed the very rare Night Rainbow. A Night Rainbow only occurs when the right amount of moisture and moonlight combine to create the rarest rainbow on earth.

Speaking of dim lights- I'll sign off now. Those people not present will be given a rain check that can be redeemed.....never again in your lifetime. Whew!! OUT.

Brad Piini

2006 DVOS OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2006 Board of Directors.

President: Brian Wraxall
Vice President: Eileen Jackson
Secretary: Pam Wood
Treasurer: Barbara Tague

Board Members: Sharon Duffy
Nancy Pak
Brad Piini
Dave Tomassini
Diana Vavrek

Voting will be conducted at the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Pak, Barbara Tague, and Brian Wraxall.

Membership Report

New Members:

Let's give a warm welcome to our new members **Tish Ciraravella** and **Sabrina White** from Hercules. We are closing his year with 102 members. Guests who attended the November meeting were:

Sophia Marquez of Walnut Creek
Luz Gannon of Danville

We hope you all join us again for the year 2006.

General Membership is \$15, Business \$25 Remember the Board decided last year to no longer offer the slight reduction of 2 years for \$25. Thus everyone has to renew the membership for 2006 in January unless you just joined since October 2005. If you want to get a head start feel free to bring a check made out to DVOS to the December meeting or mail to

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Announcing the 54th Pacific Orchid Exposition “Hot House Hotties and Their Cool Friends” February 16 – 19, 2006

(San Francisco, CA, November 8, 2005) --- “That’s Hot!” will soon be a phrase used not only for certain hotel heiresses, but by orchid lovers from near and far, as the San Francisco Orchid Society’s Pacific Orchid Exposition heats things up, February 16 – 19, 2006 at Fort Mason Center’s Festival Pavilion. The 2006 show and plant sale, “Hot House Hotties and Their Cool Friends,” will capture orchid lovers, gardeners and aesthetes, as more than 100,000 orchids in every color, shape and size are showcased and sold at the Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE).

Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica and thrive in diverse climates from the hot jungles of the South American Amazon River to the cool slopes of the Andes and Himalayas. More than 50 orchid nurseries from around the world will display their breathtaking rarities of nature and offer exceptional opportunities for orchid lovers to purchase orchids that will enhance the beauty of their homes, apartments and gardens. These incredible orchid displays continue to heat up the green house with new species and hybrids. Grown to perfection, orchids themselves have become cool centerpieces and hot trend setting statements in homes, offices, art galleries, restaurants and everywhere in between.

Promising one of the most diverse selections of orchids in the country, this year’s show will feature the hottest displays and collections coupled with docent tours and demonstrations on the coolest trends in the orchid world. The 2006 Pacific Orchid Exposition will provide opportunities for beauty lovers of all ages to take part in the time-honored art of orchid cultivation and appreciation.

WHO: The San Francisco Orchid Society, educational and cultivation leaders in the US. (SFOS is a 501 (c) (3) dedicated to orchid education and conservation.)

WHAT: The 54th Pacific Orchid Exposition’s Hot House Hotties and Their Cool Friends
An annual Plant Exhibition and Sale

WHERE: Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

WHEN: Gala Benefit Preview, Thursday, February 16, 2006, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Friday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Tours rates available)

Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

COST: Preview Night: \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door

General Admission: \$12.00, seniors (65+), disabled: \$8.00

Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult, except at the Gala Benefit Preview

INFO: Call 415.665.2468 or visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

WHY: This year’s show will be full of thousands of exotic orchids grown in all types of environments from domestic Hot and Cool Greenhouses to new species collected in the wild from all over the world. The Pacific Orchid Exposition offers docent tours, demonstrations and the opportunity for visitors to take home their choice of remarkable orchids from a countless selection of orchids. In addition, hundreds of award winning orchids, judged by the American Orchid Society (AOS), will be on display. Named one of the top three orchid shows in the country, the POE offers something for everyone.

Photos and Interviews available upon request.

Diablo View Orchid Society

The purposes of this society are to promote and stimulate interest in orchids; to encourage the culture and conservation of all orchids; to provide for the exchange and dissemination of information relating to the culture of orchids among members of the society.

Editor's Note:

Hi everyone,

And so another year comes to a close. Our board has done an excellent job of presenting speakers, building displays at the SF Orchid show and putting on DVOS's own fantastic show. I have once again agreed to edit the newsletter for another year even if I can't seem to grow orchids myself. It is my contribution to the beauty so many of you bring each week. You will notice there is no longer a flower as the watermark. A few folks were having trouble downloading the large file so I will keep it simple from now on.

I look forward to 2006 with a new array of speakers and other treats you growers can bring to us. If you want to see a fantastic display of orchids this week, I suggest you take a ride over to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and make your way to the Conservatory of Flowers, that Victorian green house recently reopened after a long repair. They are having a show called "The Modern Art of Orchids" and it is breathtaking.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May we see no disasters and only joy and happiness in 2006.

Roy Florey
Editor

Nee Florey
Chief Assistant to Editor



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