

Diablo View Orchid Society

**Our earlier meeting time
is working out fine!**

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June Meeting:

**Thursday, June 8 at 7:15 pm
at the Contra Costa Water District**

Refreshments will be supplied by:

Snacks: Sung Lee, Eileen Jackson, Lisa Chow
Marcia Hart and Barbara Ungersma

Drinks: Miki Ichiyonagi and Jim Wert

Ice: Don Taylor

Visit our website for the latest news about the club!

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The June Meeting's Program:

Bill Thoms: *Bulbophyllum Culture*

Plant Table will be provided by Bill. His bio is on page 3.

**Dinner with the speaker is at 5:30 at the Sichuan Fortune
House, 41 Woodsworth Ln, Pleasant Hill.**

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker.

Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-853-3963

Notice: See the email you got on Friday...

it tells you about ordering orchids from him!

President's Message

(Sent from Europe)

Orchid Friends:

Points to ponder: Orchids and friendship!

There is a relationship here: You can "communicate" with orchids and friends!! Not only that, orchids, just as our friends, can talk to us too.

Have you seen a Phalaenopsis with soft, weak foliage? That is an SOS signal. I have used the advise of a friend and soaked the bare roots of that type of plant in (3 parts water 1 part sugar) solution.

And voila, the plant recovered within hours.

Excuse the "French". It is the effect of climbing 422 steps up the clock tower of Notre Dame in Paris last week.

Yes, I was thinking of orchids at home with every step: Do the orchids have adequate light, water, air movement, humidity and fertilizer???

We can answer your questions about orchid growing at our next DVOS meeting. One of my most treasured friendships is the result of a member of this society teaching me about orchids.

Also, please feel free to **share your tips** on how to grow better orchids!

In addition, **our orchid society appreciates our volunteers. THANK YOU!!**

Without people like you dedicating time, knowledge, talent and a donation at our plant table, we would not have as much fun.

As I am typing this message in my hotel room, there is a brass marching band interrupting my train of thought.

(I have seen a lot of orchids here in German homes. People grow them on window sills. You just have to find the right spot)

Auf Wiedersehen!

Renate

Speaker Bio: Bill Thoms

Bill Thoms has been growing and showing orchids for more than 45 years in the central Florida area. He has more awards for Culture in just *Bulbophyllums* than anyone else in the world (47 so far) – and he and Doris Dukes together have 95 Cultural Awards in 30 different genera. The American Orchid Society has added a new Annual Award for the *Bulbophyllums*, the Bill Thoms Award.



Bill gives talks all over the world on a wide range of topics ranging from his specialty, “*Bulbophyllums*”, to General Orchid Culture which is a favorite of most new growers. They all are presented in a funny style that helps growers understand how the plants work and they all revolve around the Culture of Orchids. He helps the beginner grower with lots of advice about fixing problems and has a wealth of accumulated information for the more advanced grower, too!

No matter whether you have 1000s of orchids, just a few, or only one, Bill will give you tips to make them grow and bloom better.

Many people say he is the best speaker they have ever heard. Come and see for yourself.

He has a book, *Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY?*, which you may purchase from him. His web site (Bulbophyllums.com) has lots of information about his plants.

Some of the May, 2017 Judging Results

Advanced	Masd. Ignea	Sung Lee	1
Advanced	Cat aclandiae		2
Advanced	Lc. Rojo 'Adagent'	Ted&Nancy McClellan	3
Intermediate	Sarcochilus hybrids (several in basket)	Miki Ichiyangi	1
Intermediate	Citron	Renate Johnson	2

San Francisco Orchid Society's July Summer Show Information

Orchids in the Park, the San Francisco Orchid Society's summer show and sale, will be on July 22-23. There will be orchid displays and about 20 local, national, and international orchid vendors. We hope you will attend!

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/San-Francisco-Orchid-Society-150623501678349/> Orchids in the Park page
<https://www.facebook.com/events/310886606008874/>

The San Francisco Orchid Society is also looking for volunteers for this event, with a wide range of positions available. You can sign up at SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/3SZoBA> or you can email Dave Hermeyer (dave@hermeyer.us) if you would like more information. In addition to free admission, each volunteer will receive a \$5 "Show Bucks" coupon, which can be used towards buying plants at the show.

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Orchids in the Park

San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Show & Sale

July 22 & 23, 2017

10 am - 5 pm

San Francisco County Fair Building
(Hall of Flowers)
9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park - San Francisco

Demonstrations/Raffle

Admission:
\$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free

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Another upcoming July event



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Speaker's Day

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speaker's Day
Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9 am - 5 pm

Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA

James Rose: Orchids of Madagascar
Roy Tokunaga: Latouria Dendrobiums Lessons from Phil Spence, the Master
George Hatfield: Modern Cymbidiums

also a break out session to ask the president of the AOS questions

\$10 in advance, \$30 at the door for sponsoring societies or AOS members
\$30 General Admission

Tickets available from Susan Wedegaertner sgwede@gmail.com

<http://www.csnjc.org/>

Beautiful Orchids from our May Meeting:



