



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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April 2001

Program: Bill Thoms Bulbophyllum Culture

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, Apr. 12, 2001 @ 7:30 P.M. (usual date)

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

Dinner with Bill: 5:30 PM (same day) at the Peppermill, 1100 Concord Ave.
Call Pauline Brault at (925) 757-9684 if you're interested in attending

Upcoming Events:

(topics in parenthesis)

April

- 12 General meeting.
Speaker: Bill Thoms
- 22 DVOS Orchid Sale
at the Orchid Ranch

May

- 10 General meeting.
Speaker: George Fuller (TBA)

June

- 14 General meeting.
Speaker: Dennis Olivas (Equitants)

July

- 12 General meeting,
Speaker: Stephen Monkhouse
(Australian orchids)

August

Club BBQ

September

- 13 General meeting
Speaker: George Carr

October

- 11 General meeting.
Speaker: Weyman Bussey

November

- 8 General meeting
Proposed speaker: Francisco Miranda
(Brazilian species)

December, 2001

- 13 DVOS Holiday Party

President's Message

Just a reminder to all members that our second Annual Orchid Sale will be held on April 22nd, at the Orchid Ranch (Fordyce Orchids). It will be a one-day event with a sale of purchased and donated orchids. All members that wish to donate plants can bring them to the next Society meeting on April 12th. We will collect them and store them for the sale. We will have refreshments so you can take a break from shopping and get your sugar levels back up. There will also be repotting and other demonstrations every two hours. A more detailed notice will be available at the meeting. Those that wish to volunteer please sign up at the next meeting. So come learn, shop, and eat on April 22nd at the Orchid Ranch. See you there.

Upcoming Events

The Sacramento Orchid Society's 54th Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale
Saturday, April 21, 2001 10:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday, April 22, 2001 10:00am - 4:00pm
Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street,
Sacramento (Near CSUS entrance- off Carlson Dr.)
For detail call 800-480-0844

Carmel Orchid Society Presents:
MayFaire 2001 Orchid Show & Sale
May 5 & 6, 9am to 4pm
The Crossroads Shopping Village, Carmel Ca.
Highway 1 at Rio Road
For detail call 831-646-8724

Barbara Tague

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
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IS TUESDAY, APR. 23**

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Renowned orchid grower, world traveler and speaker Bill Thoms of Dover, Florida will be presenting a talk on culture *Bulbophyllums*. Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed. Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Tampa, Florida for 30 years and to-date have won 52 CCM's from the AOS for excellence in orchid culture. So far, they have won more Awards for Culture than just about anyone in the world. They were the first to receive the new award 'Certificate of Cultural Excellence' for a score above 90 points and that was for *Miltioniopsis* which is very difficult to grow in Tampa. They just received their 52nd CCM award for a *Cirrhophyllum Emly Siegerist*. They have received three First Class Certificates in the past two years as well as almost every other award given by the AOS.

Bill Thoms' talks are spiced with funny stories, funny associations and funny accents. Whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and will be able to grow anything better. Many of the requirements for growing world-class plants are made easy to understand and remember. He will also share secrets to producing more award winning plants faster.

Don't miss this great opportunity to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world.

The raffle table is through the courtesy of Bill.

Refreshment Corner

A special thanks to those who furnished the table for the March meeting. A reminder to those who signed up for the April Meeting: Betty Michaelson, Bernice Lindner, Gail Moore, Patrick Gagne, Gigi Henderson, Shirley Kerr, Mary D. and Esther Yee.

Brenda Aday

What is a botanical?

By THOMAS BROWN McCLELLAND

What is a botanical? I've sometimes wondered. I am speaking of an orchid, of course. Are not all orchids botanical?

When I don't know what a word means, and want to find out, I consult the dictionary. Webster's defines botanical as "Of or pertaining to botany; relating to the study of plants." That helps not in the least to determine what an orchid grower means by a botanical. Does he mean all and only species orchids that may be found growing wild somewhere?

To mention a single species, what about some of the plants of *Cattleya trianaei* collected in the Colombian jungles, with flowers superior to those of many *Cattleya* man-made hybrids? Although wild plants, no orchid grower would consider such plants as botanicals. So a wild plant is not necessarily a botanical.

You can't say that a botanical is a non-commercial orchid. If you say that it is, then try to buy some of the rarer yet available specimens. You can't say that it is a non-hybrid orchid, for there are definitely hybrid botanicals. A botanical may not even be listed in a botany, as it may be an as yet undescribed species.

Please see "Botanical" pg. 4

A Plea for Housing

Our society will be bringing out-of-town speakers for your enjoyment during the months of April, July, September, October and November. Please see our schedule for the year in this newsletter. These speakers travel among three other Bay area societies to present their programs. During this time-frame we need to house them and usually their spouses/guests. We are asking for volunteers to house them for one or two nights (second Wednesday and possibly Thursday of the month) during their stay. If we cannot find volunteers the society will have to incur the cost of placing them in hotels, etc. This can be very costly. If you think you can accommodate some of them please let me know the dates/nights you can do so. Contact me (925)-943-2022 or e-mail me at Dchiapej@aol.com. I'm certain the speakers will be very appreciative and I know the society definitely will.

Dan Chiappone

"Botanical" from Pg. 3

When we say that an orchid is large-flowered or small-flowered, white or yellow, Cattleya or Dendrobium, long-lasting or ephemeral, fragrant or without scent, single-flowered or many-flowered, each of these terms has a definite meaning. But botanical may be anything. It is a loose term, inexact, indefinite, uncertain. If you see an orchid which you don't recognize, it is a botanical. Had St. Peter grown orchids and taught a class in semantics, he most certainly would have put "botanical" in the same category as "charity."

I should say that a botanical is generally small-flowered (although not always so), generally found in a botany (though not necessarily found there), generally a species rather than a hybrid (although not necessarily a species), and not extensively found in the florists' shops. And if you disagree with my definition of a botanical, you merely confirm my statements. - Box 444 Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

Membership News

Several guests attended the general meeting in March: Erna Krandt from Vallejo, Laurie Lema from Lafayette, Gene and Akiko Ogawa from San Ramon and Irene Wilkinson from Orinda.

I am back from an extended family leave to Germany. The promised new roster was delayed but will be on hand at the April meeting. At this time we have 93 paid members.

A note to our guests, who attended our general meetings prior to February 2001, please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participate in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues before the end of this month or just bring them to the next general meeting.

Please inform me 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.

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or call me during the day at (510) 741-6762 or at (925) 830-8830 in the evening.

Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership

Donations wanted!

Want to get a great tax deduction? The DVOS will gladly accept your donation of good-running vehicles, or other real property! Contact Dan Chiappone or any of the board members for details.

DVOS LIBRARY

[Ed. note: This is the third of several articles detailing the contents of the DVOS lending library. These titles represent Jan., 2001 additions. For further details, see Phyllis Arthur]

NEW ADDITIONS JAN. 2001

Allikas, G. & Nash, Ned Ames, O. & Correll, D.	ORCHIDS (Donated by Renee McGowan) ORCHIDS OF GUATEMALA & BELIZE (Donated by Bernice Lindner)
Bishop, David	BISHOPS INTERUM LIST OF ORCHID HYBRIDS * For years: (4 volumes) 1976-1979, 1981-1984, 1986-1989, and 1991 (*Donated by Frank Fordyce)
Grove, David Guest, Graham and Sue Withner, Carl L. Withner, Carl L.	VANDAS AND ASCOCENDAS I'VE GOT SPIKES (CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS) THE CATTLEYAS AND THEIR RELATIVES THE ORCHIDS, A SCIENTIFIC SURVEY* (*Donated by Frank Fordyce)
Royal Hort. Society	SANDERS LIST OF ORCHID HYBRIDS 1946-1960* SANDERS LIST OF ORCHID HYBRIDS 1952-1954* SANDERS LIST OF ORCHID HYBRIDS 1961-1963* (*donated by Frank Fordyce)
Parsons, Ron	VIDEO: SPECIES GROWN INDOORS DVOS presentation 7/13/2000

Orchid sale at Orchids Fiori D'Amore

May 5th to May 13th.

Paolo and Nina Di Candia, owners of Orchids Fiori D'Amore are holding their annual sale the week of May 5th thru May 13th, from 9 am to 4 pm at their greenhouses in Oakland. They are among the Bay Area's best Cibidium, Zygopetalum and other genera commercial growers. Their sale in prior years was restricted, but this year due to a huge inventory and the prior large crowds, all plants are available to be sold for the entire week. Their address

is 4526 Fair Avenue, Oakland. Parking is on the street, then walk up their driveway to the greenhouses. You can call them at (510) 530-4884, if you need directions. Don't miss this one!

Dan Chiappone

Livermore

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

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
586 El Capitan Dr.; 925-837-1780

Half Moon Bay

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Dennis Olivas; 62 Oceanside Dr.
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