



# Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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## Program: Frank Fordyce Cattleyas

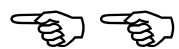
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### Meeting Date, Time and Location



**When: Friday, Jan. 12, 2001 @ 7:30 P.M. (note date)**

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



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## Upcoming Events:

### January, 2001

12 General meeting. (NOTE DATE)  
Speaker: Frank Fordyce

22 DVOS Orchid Sale  
at the Orchid Ranch

### February, 2001

9 Club auction at general meeting  
22-25 Pacific Orchid Expo.  
Ft. Mason Expo Center

### May, 2001

10 General meeting. Program TBA

### June, 2001

14 General meeting.  
Proposed speaker: Nick Burnett

### March, 2001

8 General meeting.  
Proposed speaker: Heather Drobis  
23-24 Santa Barbara Orchid Show

### October, 2001

11 General meeting.  
Proposed speaker:  
Weyman Bussey

### April, 2001

12 General meeting.  
Proposed speaker: Dennis Olivas

### December, 2001

13 DVOS Christmas Party

## This month's speaker

Frank Fordyce of Fordyce Orchids will share his practical observations on the growing of Cattleyas. These observations are seldom spoken or written about, but they are invaluable tips that will take the mystery out of growing your favorite plants. This will be a show and talk presentation with audience participation - so bring your questions and your notebook. Remember the new date- it is a Friday instead of Thursday night!

The raffle table that night will be courtesy of Frank.

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## Announcements

1. The 56th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Orchid Illusions," will be held March 23-25, 2001 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 & Los Positas, Santa Barbara.

Log on: [www.SBORchidsShow.com](http://www.SBORchidsShow.com), or call (805)967-6331 for more details.

2. David Smith of Reno, NV is looking for a used greenhouse, or a used greenhouse with an orchid collection. You can contact him at (775) 826-1434 (voice mail), or [drs@paladyn.com](mailto:drs@paladyn.com) (e-mail). Or write to him at: P.O. Box 30029-311, Reno, NV 89520

- Barbara Tague

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER  
IS MONDAY, JAN. 22**

## DVOS STAFF

*President* - Dan Chiappone

*Vice-President* - Pauline Brault

*Secretary* - Karen Moonitz

*Treasurer* - John Chamberlain

*AOS Rep.* - Barbara Tague

*BBQ* - Bob VanGalder

*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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## Membership News

A note to our guests who attended our general meetings prior to November 2000. 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.

Yes, it is membership renewal time again! Please have a look at the address label. If you see 2000 next to your name, it means that your membership for the year 2001 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  
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or give it to Ulrike at the next 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  
Membership

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## OOPS!!

Credit for the Raspberry Diagonals recipe in last month's newsletter should have gone to Betty Michaelson, of Benecia, CA.

## Refreshment Corner

It was wonderful to see the large member turnout at the Holiday Dinner! The dishes were outstanding, thanks to all of our talented chefs.

A special note of appreciation to my committee: Nat Smith, Juan and Antoinette Bofill, and to Dave Tomassini who decorated our tables with potted Poinsettias.

We would like to thank those who brought refreshments for November, as well as the following people for January: Linda Castleton, Esther Yee, Madge Fordyce, Karen Moonitz, Patrick Gagne and Susan Fetter.

- Brenda Aday

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*Are you sure  
you've been good?*

# **YUMMY RECIPES**

## **Cranberry Ambrosia**

Prepare the night before.

Mix all of the following together:

- 1 Pkg. Cranberries - chopped coarsely
- 1 Can Crushed Pineapple - do not drain
- 1 Cup Red Seedless Grapes - cut in half
- 1 Cup Walnuts
- 2 Cups Sugar (per 16oz cranberries -  
adjust amount for 12oz pkg.)
- Miniature Marshmallows

Keep in refrigerator overnight.

Next day: Whip small container of Whipped Cream

Add to fruit mixture.  
Chill until served.

- Alice Tomassini

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## **Hints and Kinks**

### **KEEPING CUTTING BLADES SHARP**

The high humidity in a greenhouse environment makes the blades of scissors or other cutting utensils rust. Sometime ago Ron Bettencourt said that keeping nippers in a can with a mix of construction-grade sand and motor oil will keep them oiled and rust free. I've never tried this tip, but I bet it would work. I keep my scissors open so any moisture which gets on the blades won't stay trapped between the blades. I just kinda prop them in the benchtop eggcrate grids so they stand open and vertical, allowing moisture to run off or evaporate.

Which reminds me about single edged razor blades as cutting instruments. If you are like me you can never remember how long to bake 'em in

order to sterilize them for reuse. It's: 250F for 30 minutes, singly spaced on a cookie sheet. I suppose you could boil 'em too, let 'em air dry... Or you could toss 'em out and buy more. Remember a dull cutting instrument causes more accidents than a sharp one does!

As long as you're putting something in the oven remember some people actually sterilize their clay pots by running them through the self-cleaning oven cycle. The bits of root burn off. The temp is high enough to kill bacteria. That's CLAY POTS, not plastic ones!!

I read somewhere about a lady sterilizing her bark in the oven at 175F for 1/2 hour. She was having trouble with snow mold... Yeechh! Wonder what THAT smells like???

- Kathy Barrett

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## **From the holiday party**



*Best decorated display -  
Bill and Edie Morse*

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## **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.





*An orchidist's '12 days of Christmas'*

## On Volunteering

While I was serving on the nominating committees last October, calling and asking our active members to take charge of a committee or a special project was a very frustrating experience. It was even downright depressing. If we want to have our society prosper, we need more volunteers and more workers. I would like to share with you a little poem I read in *The National Gardener*. Let us hope we can keep it as our "motto" for the New Year!

I WILL DO MORE...

I will do more than belong - I will participate.  
 I will do more than care - I will help.  
 I will do more than believe - I will practice.  
 I will do more than be fair - I will be kind.  
 I will do more than forgive - I will forget.  
 I will do more than dream - I will work.  
 I will do more than teach - I will inspire.  
 I will do more than earn - I will enrich.  
 I will do more than give - I will serve.  
 I will do more than live - I will grow.  
 I will do more than be friendly - I will be a friend.

- William Arthur Ward -

From Barbara Tague



*Lots of good eats!*

**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  
586 El Capitan Dr.; 925-837-1780

**Half Moon Bay**

\*D & D Flowers\*  
Dennis Olivas; 62 Oceanside Dr.  
650-994-7465 (call in advance)



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