

Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.

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Thursday February 13th 2003

Board Room, Contra Costa Water District Offices, 1330 Concord Avenue, Concord

5:30pm Dinner with the Speaker

7:30pm Meeting Comes to Order

~8:30 Speaker's Presentation

Orchid Nutrition

By Dave Neal

Owner of Dyna Gro (<http://www.dyna-gro.com>)

Dave is the Chairman and CEO of Dyna-Gro Nutrition Solutions which was started in 1984. Dyna-Gro Nutrition Solutions were originally developed for and aimed at the hydroponic growing market. Since orchids are grown hydroponically for all practical purposes, Dave made the decision to go after the orchid market early in the company's life. Based upon the number of orchid growers who have switched to Dyna-Gro it would seem to have been a good decision. Upon a suggestion, Dave studied research papers on the benefits of silicon in plant nutrition and developed Pro-TeKt® "The Silicon Solution"®.

Dave and his wife Sue are members of the Marin, San Francisco and American Orchid Societies and grow a variety of orchids in their home. Their collection emphasizes dendrobiums, cymbidiums and vandaceous orchids but like most others, includes a number of others including phals, paphs, oncidiums, cattleyas, bulbophylums, zygopetalums and others.

He attended the U.S. Air Force Academy. He received an M.B.A. from University of Nebraska with a major in finance and a minor in accounting in 1967. In 1972 he received a J.D. from Golden Gate University where he was on the Law Review staff all three years, the last as an editor. As an editor of the Golden Gate Law Review he convinced the board of editors on the appropriateness of environmental topics for a law review, then wrote an article entitled "Recycling: Problems and Proposals" to propose tax incentives and other legislative action to deal with environmental problems. He is a member of the California Bar Association and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Dave is an ex-high school and college wrestler who still enjoys the thrills and challenges of competition. He holds expert motorcycle roadracing licenses and has raced motorcycles for nearly 30 years. He has been a member of Mensa and the American Association for the Advancement of Science for over 35 years and a member of the Norton Owners Club. Dave is also the father of two sons who share his interests in skiing, fishing, hunting, mountain bikes and motorcycles. However, they have to skateboard without him.

Gary's Spring Garden Restaurant 785 Oak Grove Road, Concord (Treat and Oak Grove) \$15 includes tip, wine extra If you want to eat call Sybil McGowan (925) 685-3254	Next Board Meeting Feb 27, 7:30 pm Alice Tomassini's House 3 Woodside Ct, Danville (925) 648-7667 (You can come too!)
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February Culture Session

Kathy Barrett will show how to clean and stake plants for presentation in an orchid show. This is timely because – guess what!! The San Francisco Orchid Society's orchid show (also known as the Pacific Orchid Exposition) is coming up on Feb 21, 22, and 23.

The Diablo View Orchid Society once again will be putting club member's (this means you) orchids in a display and so we want them to look cute. Kathy will show you how to cute up your plants! ~7:00pm.

Nathalie Smith – February Raffle Table

Repeat Performance!! Not to be missed! Nathalie has kindly agreed to provide plants from her collection for the raffle table again. Additionally, plants from Tonkin's Orchids will be available also. Plus many other tasty plants. Be sure to get your raffle tickets as you won't want to miss this special opportunity. Nathalie rarely divests her plants unless they're in great shape too.

DVOS January Show Table Judging

- 1st Place: Den. Gillian Leaney x Aussie Victory owned by Bob Van Galder
- 2nd Place: Den. Mt. Kelly Beauty owned by Barbara Tague
- 3rd Place: Den. Stephen Batchelor owned by Bernice Lindner
- Lancer P. Smith Award: Barkeria chinesis owned by Barbara Tague
- LWIBFTVFT: Odbrs. Kenneth Bivens 'Santa Barbara' HCC/AOS owned by Catherine Gardner

Thanks Judges!! Jinnie Tom, Susan Fetter, Kathi Ames
Pics at <http://www.dvos.org>

LIBRARY NOTE: The AOS sent a complimentary copy of "The Orchid Tourist: An International Guide to Public Orchid Collections" for our society library. It is a pocket sized worldwide directory of orchid collections open to the public, which has information on 115 collections in 37 countries. If you'd like to buy one for yourselves the price is \$5.00 from the AOS.

-Barbara Tague

January AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center

No Awards in San Francisco on Jan 6th.

Oakland, January 20, 2003:

Dendrobium chrysopterum 'Stellaluna', species HCC 76 (aka obtusisepalum), Exhibitor: Japheth Ko

Paphiopedilum superbien 'Il Toscano', species HCC 76, Exhibitor: Michael L. Ault, M.D.

Masdevallia princeps (no clonal name yet), species AM 80, Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

Wilsonara Lisa Devos 'Golden Gate'
Oda. Cherry Glow x Odcom. Crowborough
AM 84, Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

Pics at <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

DVOS DOERS

President: **Linda Darascavich**

Vice President: **Sybil Renee McGowan**

Secretary: **Alice Tomassini**

Treasurer: **Barbara Tague**

Board Members: **Juan Bofill**

Naomi Chamberlain

Parky Parkison

Brad Piini

Phyllis Arthur

Membership: **Ulrike Ahlborn**

Refreshments: **Esther Yee & Tonky Bofill**

Hostesses: **Madge Fordyce & Naomi Chamberlain**

Raffle & Sales: **Nancy Pak**

Librarian: **Phyllis Arthur**

Historian: **Nathalie Smith**

Newspaper Announcements/Ads: **Karen Moonitz**

Newsletter: **Kathy Barrett** (mormodes@hotmail.com)

Webmaster: **Nick Doe**

Nice Guys: **Dave Tomassini** and **Parky Parkison** for hauling around the projector, the sound system, the lights, and whatever else this club uses or needs. They could use some help.

SF Show Chairman: **Ron Bettancourt**

DVOS Show Chairman: **Juan Bofill & Dave Tomassini**

We still need someone to arrange greenhouse tours.

Come to the Board Meeting at Alice's house and we can tell you what's involved and help you out. -KB

Calling All Hands! Show Team Needs Help!

This year the Diablo View Orchid Society needs your help in putting together the club's display in the San Francisco Orchid Show. I know... we say that every year, but this year we really mean it!! This year the display is rather complicated and we need good old grunt labor to help put it together. Well, I shouldn't make it sound like we'd be hauling rocks or anything, but many hands will make the work light.

A "Work Party" will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday Feb 1st at Dave Tomassini's greenhouse in Danville. Call Dave (925) 648-7667 for directions to 3 Woodside Ct., Danville. Or: atomassini@aol.com

Later we will have a "Dry Run" closer to show time just to be sure everything works as intended. This will be at Dave's greenhouse, too, at 10:00 am on Saturday Feb 15th. (I told you this display was complicated!)

We cannot stress enough that this year PLEASE take advantage of the local collection points to drop your plants off for the show! We'll take them right through Feb 19th. We CANNOT accept any plants in San Francisco at Ft. Mason after 5:00pm on Feb 20th (set up day). Please bring them to a collection point or to Dave's greenhouse Saturday at the 'Dry Run' so we can have them in advance. Collection points are: Kathy Barrett's (925) 370-6520, Nathalie Smith's (925) 685-8904 and Dave Tomassini's houses.

As always, please be sure you have cleaned and staked your plants for transport. It is also helpful to make TWO lists of the plants you are putting in the display, one for yourself (so you know what to pick up) and one for the team so they can write labels and know what to give back to you. Thanks! In spite of the way it sounds this really is fun!
- Kathy Barrett

The Annual Lancer P. Smith Trophy

Barbara Tague was the winner with 9 points. Karen Moonitz ran a close second with 8 points. Bernice Lindner and Dick Emory tied neck and neck for 3rd with 7 points.

'Also rans' were Kathy Barrett 6 points, Parky Parkison, & Fred La Fontaine 5 points, Mercedes Bell had 4.

Dave Tomassini, , Nathalie Smith, Juan Bofill, Katie Pleasance, Sybil McGowan all had 3 points

Jeannett Bean, Mike Gallagher, Phyllis Arthur, Brad Pini, Renata Johnson, Nancy Pak, all had 2 points.

Jack Iscoff, Ulrike Ahlborn, Gene & Akiko Ogawa had 1 point

- Linda Daraskavich

Refreshment Corner

Our thanks go to those that brought food and beverages to our January meeting. This is a reminder to those who signed up for February: **Jeanette Bean, Madge Fordyce, Renate Johnson, Diana Vaviek, Kathi Ames, Susan Fetter and Nathalie Smith.** Beverages will be provided by: **Beacon Lum and Katherine Gardner.**

If, for whatever reason, any of you can not attend the February meeting, please call **Antonieta Bofill** (925-609-8443) or **Esther Yee** (925-825-8194) in advance of the meeting.

Antonieta Bofill
Esther Yee

Help Wanted! Naomi Chamberlain wants to build a greenhouse from a kit. The orchids have taken over the house and its time to move them outside! She has a good line on a couple of quality kits on the market (Fordyce Orchids and/or Costco) but she needs someone to help her put the dang thing together once she decides which kit to buy. Please call her at (925) 689-1720.

THE PRECIOUS WONDERS OF NATURE

Announcing the Pacific Orchid Exposition's Annual Show "Gems of Nature"

February 20-23, 2003

Just as precious stones and jewels hide themselves in secret corners of the world, captivating those who search for them, orchids have graced the earth's rich forest for millions of years, displaying their vibrant colors to those lucky enough to find them. By presenting these "Gems of Nature" to the public through its annual show and sale, the Pacific Orchid Exposition honors these exquisite species and encourages all lovers of beauty to come see these wonders of nature.



With this year's theme, "Gems of Nature," the Pacific Orchid Exposition highlights the work of hybridists and enthusiasts who cherish these precious plants, and encourages the public 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 nonprofit educational charity dedicated to preserving orchids.)

WHAT: A Sparkling Celebration: The 51st Pacific Orchid Exposition
An annual Plant Exhibition and Sale

WHERE: Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

WHEN: Gala Preview Party, Thursday, February 20, 2003, 6:30-10:00 p.m.
Friday, February 21, 2003, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Tour group rates available)
Saturday, February 22, 2003, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 23, 2003, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

COST: Preview Night: \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door
General Admission: \$11.00
Seniors (65+), Disabled: \$8.00
3 Day Pass (Fri, Sat, Sun) \$25.00
2 and under free when accompanied by an adult, except on Preview Night.

WHY: This year's show will sparkle with the thousands of varieties of these exotic plants, showcasing the talents of those who continue to uncover new species, develop new hybrids, or grow them to perfection. The Pacific Orchid Exposition offers docent tours, demonstrations and the opportunity to bring the countless varieties of orchids, grown by the 65 participating international nurseries, into our gardens, homes and hearts. In addition, hundreds of award winning orchids, judged by the American Orchid Society, will be on display. Named one of the top orchid shows in the country, the POE is an event that everyone, from growers to flower enthusiasts, will enjoy.

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NOT VALID WITH SENIOR, ADVANCE TICKETS, PREVIEW PARTY
OR OTHER ADMISSION DISCOUNTS**



**GEMS OF NATURE
SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2003
PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION
GALA PREVIEW PARTY THURS. FEB 20
SHOW & SALE FEBRUARY 21, 22 & 23**

**The Sonoma County Orchid Society will hold its Orchid Show and Sale
"Orchids on Parade"**

Saturday March 1 and Sunday March 2, 2003 10 AM – 5 PM, \$5.00

Gala Preview Night: Friday Feb 28th, 7 – 10 PM, \$25.00

Features wine and hors d'oeuvres, supporting Food For Thought and Sonoma County AIDS Food Bank

Gala Tickets: 707.887.1647

Show Tickets/Information: 707.876.3496

http://www.sonic.net/scorchids/show_2003/info.html

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