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# Diablo View Orchid Society

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Contra Costa Water District 1331 Concord Blvd, Concord

Dinner with the speaker 5:30, meeting starts ~7:30 Speaker ~8:30

## April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### Orchids of Ecuador Recent Travels and Photographs

By

**Eric Hunt**

Eric Hunt traveled to Ecuador in January of 2004. Hunting orchids with his camera, he has returned with many wonderful photographs of the Ecuadorian terrain, orchids in situ, as well as pictures of conservation efforts by local nurserymen, most notably Ecuagenera, whose school was recently highlighted in *Orchids* magazine. This is not your typical travelogue. I've been able to preview only one or two of his pictures so far and already one of them has changed the way I'll view Phrag. besseae's cultural conditions from now on. I hope I get a few more eye openers, too. As well as gasp-producing photography!

Eric lives in the Mission District of San Francisco and grows his orchids wherever he has horizontal space: under lights (he even has a few miniatures under lights in his kitchen), and in his north-facing bay window, where things bloom even when neglected. To compensate for the lack of personal growing opportunities, Eric spends a lot of time volunteering with [OrchidMania](#), where he is the Director of Education and Production. One of his joys is working with and photographing OrchidMania's extensive permanent collection of rare and unusual orchid species.

I've been drooling over Eric's photographs online for several years. Photography was his passion before finding orchids, and he has successfully joined the two. The combination of having no growing space himself along with his belief in sharing information through the Internet, led to him starting a personal photo archive of orchid species. He says "The Bay Area is full of people seriously interested in the growing and conservation of orchid species, and I am doing my part to give back to the greater world orchid community by putting orchid species photographs on my own personal website and extensively contributing to Jay Pfahl's [Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia](#)."

**Dinner with the speaker:** We go back to DJ's Bistro for their fine Czech Cuisine (and big beers). Since Eric has to leave straight from work we will eat a little later. **Dinner will start at 6:00PM**, and even then Eric may be late (traffic, you know!!) But what the heck, we can enjoy the beer while waiting for him! **DJ's Bistro - 1825 Sutter Street, Concord - 825-3277** \$15 per person, incl. tip, wine extra. Call Kathy at: (925) 370-6520 Let her know you're coming.

**Refreshment Corner**

**These People Signed up to Bring Refreshments**

Betty Nicholson, Kathi Ames, Alice Tomassini,  
Phyllis Arthur, Rita Tischler, Zach Bjornsen

**These People Signed Up to Bring Beverages**

Eileen Jackson and Nancy Pak

**Show & Tell Table Ribbons**

1st Lycaste Leo Akiko Ogawa  
2nd Pot. Heavenly Heritage (Beacon Lum, I think)  
3rd Lc Memorial Robert Strait 'Blue Hawaii'  
Beacon Lum  
Lancer Den. Kingianum Dick Emory  
LWIB Slc. Best Friend 'Cleopatra' Renate Johnson

Many thanks to our judging team, headed up by Joe  
Grillo and Randy Attin. <http://www.dvos.org>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 3-4**

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show, Westgate  
Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA. Contact:  
Conrad Kumata, 19987 Knollwood Dr., Saratoga, CA  
95070; (408) 996-8335.

**April 3-4**

\*Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Spring Show,  
Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland,  
CA. Contact: Marques L. Miller, 2255 Ransom Ave.,  
Oakland, CA 94601-3709; (510) 532-8973.

**April 17-18**

Sacramento Orchid Society Spring Show, Scottish  
Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA.  
Contact: Richard Heisler, 6375 Reservoir Dr., Granite  
Bay, CA 95746; (916) 989-1650.

**Raffle Table Plants** will provided by Sea God  
Nursery. For those of you who were unable to attend  
the bus tour of the Raymond Burr Winery and its Sea  
God Nursery this is your chance to have a crack at  
owning your own piece of Raymond Burr's  
collection.

**UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd**

**The Orchid Society of  
California**

**Presents**

**Its 2004 Mother's Day Show  
and Sale**

**May 7, 8 & 9**

**Lakeside Garden Center, Lake  
Merritt, Oakland**

**HOURS are 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Friday May 7, 2004**

**9:00 AM to 5 PM Saturday and  
Sunday, May 8 & 9, 2004.**

**Set up on Thursday night May 7, 2004,  
starting at 2 PM**

UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd

**The Orchid Digest** would like to announce its Summer Institute and Speakers Day for Summer 2004 to your society. The 2004 Summer Institute will again be at the beautiful Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California June 26th and 27th. It will cover the genus *Phalaenopsis*. This will be two half days of lectures presented by Drs. Paul and Ann Tuskes and Dr. Harold Koopowitz, along with two afternoons of hands-on lab work. It will include Saturday and Sunday lunch. The cost for Orchid Digest members is \$150 and non-members \$250. Contact Mrs. Simone Friend, <mailto:[orchidsimonef@aol.com](mailto:orchidsimonef@aol.com)> for further information if you plan to attend. Seating is limited to 40 people. Those who are interested should sign up as soon as possible.

Their second event is Speaker's Day, **New Ways of Growing Orchids for the 21st Century**, to be held Saturday, July 17th, 1:00PM, again at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

The speakers will include

- Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids,
- George Vazquez of Zuma Canyon Orchids,
- Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids or
- Ramona Wilson of Islander Delights and
- Dr. Harold Koopowitz, Editor of the Orchid Digest. (Hmm. Maybe I should meet this guy.)

There will be a cocktail hour and a special preview of the Mickey Nax orchid jewelry collection. Pieces from the jewelry collection will be available for sale with some of the proceeds going to the Huntington. Following the cocktail hour will be a dinner. The major guest dinner speaker will be Dr. Kingsley Dixon of Australia. Tickets for this full program, including dinner, are \$50 per person. If you would like to attend the afternoon lectures only, the ticket cost is \$40. This promises to be an outstanding and worthwhile day of orchid fun. Get your ticket early as this Speaker's Day is limited to 100 people. Contact Mrs. Simone Friend at the e-mail above.

### **March Recap, Potting Demos**

Last month we watched the orchid experts from local nurseries walk us through the details of repotting. Helen Michael of Orchids Orinda gave us the ins and outs of working with pot-bound Phals. Kathy very bravely offered one of her orchids as a demonstration and watched with pained look as roots and leaves were clipped. Sue Fordyce demonstrated on the Catts and Francisco Baptista got to work with one of Kathy's very valuable Paphs.

I learned to repot my Phals from Helen years ago. Seeing my lovely orchids treated with the precision of a surgeon, Helen gave it new life. Well, ok. Despite her best efforts, I still managed to kill it off but I did learn. ☺

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Next Month

Bill Thoms topic TBA.



~~HELP WANTED~~

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**Stop the Presses!  
Hold the Front Page!  
Help has arrived!!!**

Hello everyone. My name is Roy Florey and I have volunteered to write your newsletter each month. Taking the roll from Kathy will be a tough act to follow so I will do the best I can. I attended your meeting last month and had a chance to see the potting demonstrations by the three orchidists and even won a Phal of my own so I thought the least I could do was to volunteer to make myself useful. My newsletter skills will be tested here since I haven't done such a thing before but based on Kathy's tutelage I think I should be able to come through for all of you. As this is my first attempt, I may leave out a favorite spot or two of yours so if I do, let me know so I won't make that mistake twice. Well, maybe at least not three or four times.

I fell in love with orchids when I was first studying botany at UC Berkeley and later horticulture at Davis. I was fascinated by the idea of reproducing plants from just their growing tips. I didn't get my first orchid until I was at least 30 and then gradually gathered a small collection of about 40. I lost all but my cymbidiums after I moved to a rather dark home. Now I am in a sunny apartment, though, so I will now start to gather those beauties to my home. I look forward to meeting all of you and maybe even taking a peek at your collections.

Roy Florey, New Member of the Press

## *Membership News*

Let's give a warm welcome to our new members who joined since February:

**Neil Fruman** from Lafayette, **Dennis Nelson** from Oakley, and **Roy Florey** from Walnut Creek.

With these new members and 2004 dues still trickling in, DVOS has 88 members.

Please see me at the April general meeting if you have not yet received the 2004 membership roster.

A note to our guests who attended our general meetings prior to February 2003: 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 or bring them to the next general meeting.

Diablo View Orchid Society

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## *MORE HELP WANTED*

Each month someone from the Diablo View Orchid Society has to book the room for our meeting at the Contra Costa Water department. The Water District has strict rules that their boardroom is available to anyone in the community on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. They DO NOT give yearly contracts for use of the space. Years ago when Lancer Smith ran this society single handed he booked the room. When he was killed in an auto accident this duty fell to whomever chose to take it on. Sometimes on a hit or miss basis. Currently Juan Bofill has the duty, and has been diligent in carrying it out. Many thanks to Juan for his unflagging effort on the part of the SOCIETY. However Juan and Tonky will be moving to Florida in the Spring.

That leaves us with no one to assure that the Diablo View SOCIETY gets to book the boardroom.

Can you help?

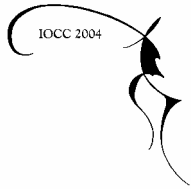
DUTIES: You must be at the Water District 15-20 minutes BEFORE THEY OPEN on the first business day of each month in order to book the room for the following month.

Juan Bofill can answer your questions (925) 609-8443

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## *International Orchid Conservation Congress (IOCC) at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens*

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### **Application of RAMAS Red List Software**

May 15-16, 2004 (*Saturday, Sunday*)

Workshop introduces the use of the RAMAS Red List software in evaluating species against the IUCN Red List criteria. It begins with a brief overview of the IUCN Red List categories leading to the discussion of uncertainty issues in Red List assessments. Demonstration of the use of RAMAS Red List software to make these assessments and the incorporation of uncertain data follows. Participants are encouraged to bring data.

Instructors: Dr. Resit Akcakaya, Applied Biomathematics, and Lorena Endara. Workshop fee: \$135 for conference registrants, \$160 for public

### **Population Dynamics Applied to Orchid Conservation**

May 15 –16, 2004 (*Saturday, Sunday*)

Workshop teaches participants methods to determine the probability of persistence of a species or population. Participants discuss these questions: What is the probability of a population or species going extinct? What parameters of the life history stages should we manipulate to impact population persistence? Participants learn what data to collect in the field and how to perform the analysis. Participants understand the value as well as the limitation of these techniques to conservation. *Instructors: Dr. Raymond Tremblay, University of Puerto Rico, and Pavel Kindlmann. Workshop fee: \$135 for conference registrants; \$160 for public*

### **Mycorrhizal Propagation Techniques**

May 15, 2004 (*Saturday*)

Workshop introduces basic concepts of modern symbiotic orchid propagation techniques. Topics covered include: seed collection, mycorrhizal symbiont isolation, seed propagation, and seedling processing. *Instructor: Scott Stewart, Environmental Horticulture Dept., University of Florida. Workshop fee: \$50 for conference registrants; \$75 for public*

### **Terrestrial Orchid Propagation and Transfer to Soil and Habitat**

May 19, 2004 (*Wednesday*)

Workshop provides overview of the current techniques to isolate beneficial fungi from plants. Program includes a preview of a new soil-baiting technique to determine the presence and abundance of soil fungi. Participants learn the latest methods of field inoculation to improve seedling performance when transferred to soil or habitat. *Instructors: Dr. Kingsley Dixon and Dr. Andrew Batty. Workshop fee: \$25 for conference registrants; \$50 for public.*

**O R C H I D S**  
**FIORI D'AMORE**

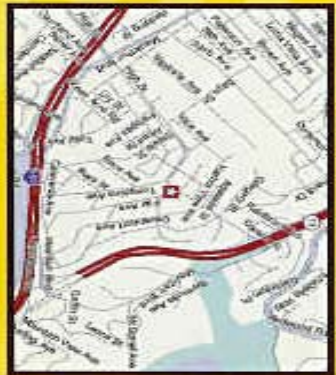
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**Directions**

**From Highway 580:** Take HIGH St. exit and head EAST. At TOMPKINS turn RIGHT. At CARSON St. turn LEFT. At FAIR Ave. turn RIGHT.

**From Highway 13 North:** Take the CARSON St. exit and turn LEFT onto CARSON St. at FAIR Ave. turn LEFT.

**From Highway 13 South:** Take the CARSON St. exit and continue straight until you reach CARSON St. and take a RIGHT. At FAIR Ave. take a LEFT. Please park on street.



**O R C H I D S**  
**FIORI D'AMORE**

**ANNUAL ORCHID SALE**

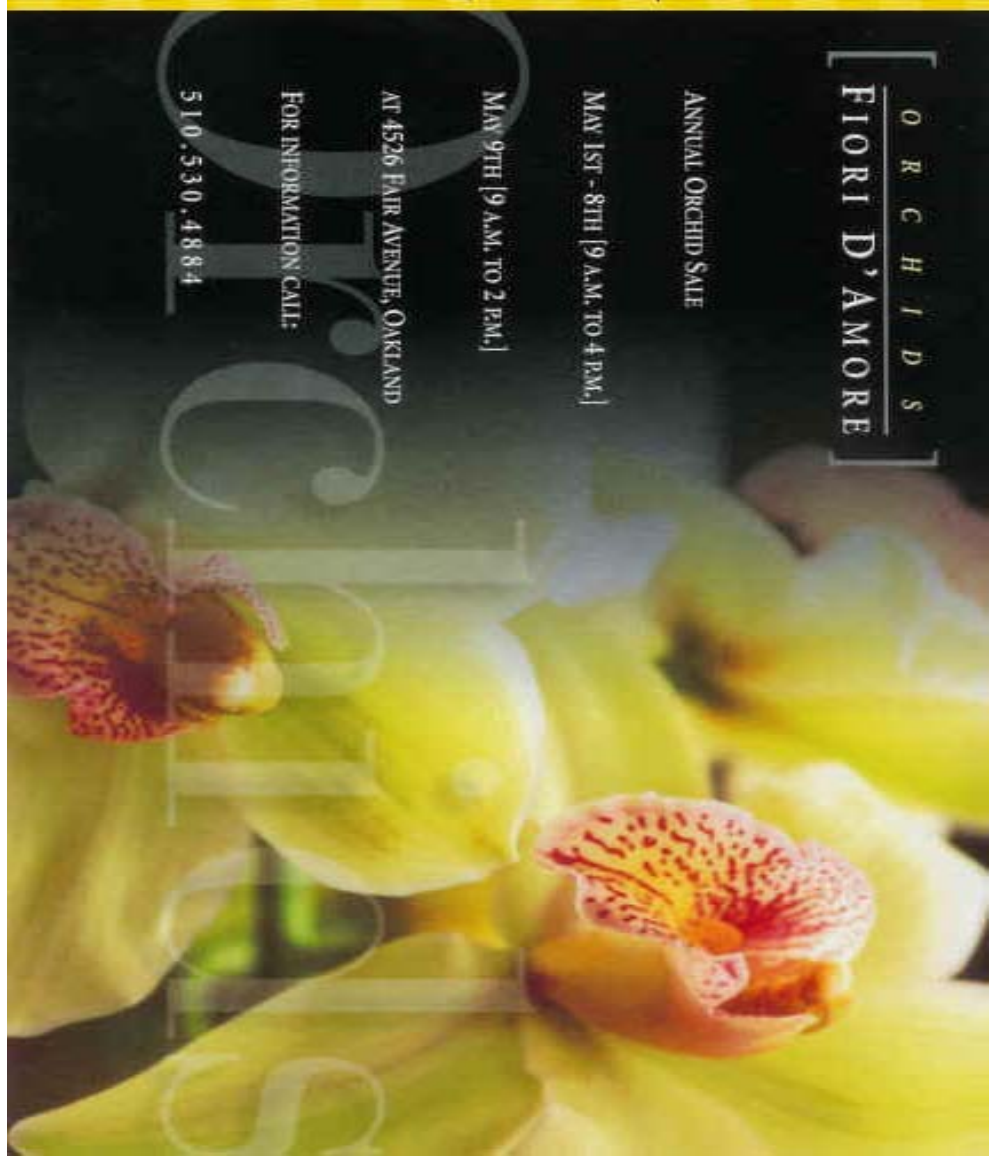
**MAY 1ST - 8TH [9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.]**

**MAY 9TH [9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.]**

**AT 4526 FAIR AVENUE, OAKLAND**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL:**

**510.530.4884**



# Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

Single/Family \$15 (\_\_\_), Two-years \$25(\_\_\_), Life \$300 (\_\_\_)  
(Please note, all memberships run January 1 to December 31)

PLEASE PRINT

New (\_\_\_), Renewal (\_\_\_)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Orchid Digest Member Y/N(\_\_\_)  
AOS Member Y/N(\_\_\_)

Resident/Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mailing Address (Must fill in)

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax (Opt): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Send Newsletter Via email (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Web Page (Opt.): \_\_\_\_\_

Profession (Opt): \_\_\_\_\_

## Cultivation (Check all that apply):

Indoor (\_\_\_), Outdoor (\_\_\_), Greenhouse (\_\_\_), Hobbyist (\_\_\_), Commercial (\_\_\_)

## I would like to participate in present or future (Circle all that apply):

Elected Office (Y/N)

DVOS SHOW (October) Planning Committee (Y/N) Just Working the Show (Y/N)

San Francisco SHOW (Feb) Planning Committee (Y/N) Building Committee (Y/N)

Committees: Equipment (Y/N)	Greenhouse Tours (Y/N)	Refreshment (Y/N)	Welcome/Hostess (Y/N)
Advertising (Y/N)	Board of Directors (Y/N)	BBQ (Y/N)	Library (Y/N)
Procurement (Y/N)	Raffle/Sales (Y/N)	Xmas Party (Y/N)	Newsletter (Y/N)
Overnight Host for Out of Town Speakers. (Y/N) Help Book the Meeting Room (Y/N)			

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