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September 8, 2005

5:30 Speaker's Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Starts, Presentation ~8:00

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

ICU "Good Plant Bad Plant"

The September meeting will feature our famous duo, father and daughter, Frank and Sue Fordyce. They will answer all your questions on plants that you are worried about. If you do not know what the symptom is and not really sure, please place the sick plant in a clear plastic bag. Please bring in 1 or 2 plants....not the entire collection. Frank and Sue will analyze and suggest steps to take for the well being of your plants.

Raffle table will be provided by Fordyce Orchids. They will also bring plants for sale.

No host dinner will be at Pasta Pomodoro at 5:00 p.m. in down town Pleasant Hill.

Pasta Pomodoro

45 Crescent Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

925-363-9641

To have a lovely dining experience and enjoy the company of our guest speakers, please **contact** Dave Tomassini at 925-648-7667.

The next Board Meeting is at the Dunn/Olivas residence at 7:30 a.m September 15.



Future 2005 DVOS Speakers:

October 13th: Carson Whitlow
November 10th: Dennis Olivas on Orchid General
Culture (101) December 8th:
Annual X-mas Party
DVOS Speakers for 2006
January 12th: Sheldon Takasaki

Refreshments for September, 05

**Linda Dareskavich
Renata Johnson
Ken/Renee Dowdell
Diane Varrek
Jeanette Bean
Brenda Aday**

**Beverages Grace Chan
Brenda Aday**



August 2005 DVOS

Monthly Meeting Plant Display Award Winners

1st Place: Bulbophyllum graveolensis

Joe Grillo

2nd Place: Dendrobium Frosty Dawn

Sharon Duffy

3rd Place: Phycopsis Memoria Bill Carter

Bernice Lindner

Lance Smith Medallion: Galeandra batemanii

Bernice Lindner

Look What I Bloomed For the Very First Time:

Howeara Lava Burst

'Punani' AM/AOS

Rita Tischler

Photo by Roy Florey



Editors Note:

Hi all. I am back in the driver's seat this month after an absence the last two. I was busy with my wedding which was last month. I apologize for this newsletter being out late but I neglected to notice that the month started with a Thursday and got me off track. Thank you Dennis for doing the newsletter these past two months. Roy



Your editor and bride at the DVOS picnic.

Membership News

Welcome to new Members **Grace and Jim Chan** from Martinez who rejoined DVOS after a few years absence.

This months membership count is 95.

AUGUST SPEAKER RECAP

Dan Newman gave an informative talk on pleurothalids. This class of orchids grows mainly from southern Mexico to southern Brazil and in the Caribbean islands. This group of orchids is distinguished by the lack of a pseudo bulb. Because of this lack of a back-bulb, these orchids need a constant source of moisture and prefer shadier conditions.

There are approximately 4,000 to 5,000 species of pleurothalids. The most popular group in this class are the Masdevallias. These account for 500 of the species in the pleurothalid family.

Dan then gave a 30-minute slide show that showed many other species in this class. Every one of these polysyllabic words were too hard for this writer to spell correctly. *Barbocella, Myozanthis, Lepanthopsis, Zoohtrophious, Dreslurella, the, it, etc.....*

Thanks again, Dan!

Brad Piini

DVOS Annual Potluck/Auction

We had a fun time on August 20th at the Van Galder's Estate. Many of you arrived at 10:30 to help set up. The roast-sucking pig and chicken was provided by the society. Fifty-four members that attended brought their favorite hot dish, salad or desert to share. Thank you to Barbara Tague for picking up the roast sucking from Fortune City Chinese Restaurant located in the Virginia Hills Shopping Complex off of Alhambra Street and Virginia Hills Drive. Thank you Nancy Pak for picking up the roast chicken from Costco.

A special thank you to Raymond of Fortune City Restaurant for picking up the fresh roasted sucking from San Francisco the morning of our event.

We had over 300 items to auction off. All by donations many brought in by the membership. Thank you...thank you...thank you. Most of all, the society would like to thank Fordyce Orchids, Orchids Orinda and D & D Flowers for the orchid plants that made up of more than 60 % of the donated plants. We would like to give a special thank you to Eileen Jackson and Noble Emory for picking up and delivering plants donated by Trader Joe's. Also, Stan Price for picking up the plants from Trader Joe's. Joe Grillo who could not attend the event but donated 6 beautiful plants.

Thank you Sue Fordyce and Alice Tomassini for the Safari decorations. Thank you Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder for the use of their home, front lawn and allowing us to make all of the noise of fun and laughter with good company and friends. And thank you Sue Fordyce and Dennis Olivas for the fun time during the auction. The society net over \$2,000.

If we missed anyone in the acknowledgement of THANK YOU!!! We are sorry. You all did a great job in making the event a successful one. Dennis

DVOS 3rd Annual Show!!!!!!

The Diablo View Orchid Society is having its 3rd annual Fall Show and Sale on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 23, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The event will be at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA. Besides the beautiful array of blooming exotic orchids on display, there will be numerous vendors selling their plants. We will also have raffle plants, a plant doctor to offer advice and on both days, we will have potting and culture demonstrations at 10:00a.m., 12 noon and 2:00 p.m..

From the San Jose area, take 680 north to Concord. Exit at Willow Pass Road, turn left heading west and as you cross through Contra Costa Blvd., the name changes to Taylor Blvd.. Go pass the next stop light and Civic Drive will be just a bit further up on the right side. If you've driven up to the second stoplight after Contra Costa Blvd., you've gone too far.

From Sacramento to Fairfield, take 80 west to the 680 San Jose exit and go over the Benicia Bridge to Concord. Exit at Willow Pass Road, turn right heading west and as you cross through Contra Costa Blvd., the name changes to Taylor Blvd.. Go pass the next stop light and Civic Drive will be just a bit further up on the right side. If you've driven up to the second stoplight after Contra Costa Blvd., you've gone too far.

From the Bay Area, take 80 east to the 24 Concord exit Continue on 24 east then 680 north to Concord. Exit at Willow Pass Road, turn left heading west and as you cross through Contra Costa Blvd., the name changes to Taylor Blvd.. Go pass the next stop light and Civic Drive will be just a bit further up on the right side. If you've driven up to the second stoplight after Contra Costa Blvd., you've gone too far.

D & D Flowers will have their Fall Inventory Reduction Sale on November 5 and 6, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be lots of masdevallia, cumbidium, oncidium and cattleya hybrid and species divisions at great prices. There will be lots of anthuriums also. Come for the company of friends, fun and food.

Driving from the north, take 101 or 280 south to 92 west to Half Moon Bay. About a quarter of a mile before down town Half Moon Bay, you will see a fire wood business, a house, the statuary and Spanish Town, an small arts and craft complex. Turn left at the fire wood business and drive beyond the left side of the house over the bridge and up into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse to the right.



More About The DVOS 2005 Annual Show and Sale

The Diablo View Annual Show and Sale will be on held on October 22-23, 2005. The change in date as far as the show being held a week after our monthly meeting is due to a very large Sonoma Orchid Society Show and Sale in conjunction to the American Orchid Society West Coast Trustees Meeting. The DVOS Board made a decision that we could not compete with this function, which will be held on October 12-16.

We need volunteer to make this show a successful event. Dave Tomassini will have the signup sheets at this September meeting, on a table by the raffle ticket sales.

There will be full size and 1/2 size flyers available for the membership to pass out to the public and to place at their work place bulletin boards. Let's make sure we pass these out no earlier than September 15, 2005.

Also, let's have the contest for the 1/2 size flyers. Print your name in the back of the flyer. When you pass out the flyer, ask the person to print their name and address in the back also so we can send them a current newsletter and future announcements of our Annual Show and Sale. Please advise the person that we do not sell out our mailing list and it is exclusive use is for the Diablo View Orchid Society. When the person presents the flyer as they pay for their entry into our show, they will have a special raffle ticket to win a beautiful basket of orchids. You as a member, will also win a special prize to be announced at the November 2005 general meeting.

For members who would like to sell orchid related items or divisions of their plants, please contact Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1249 or d.olivas@comcast.net and he will mail you forms that you will have to use. You must contact Dennis 2 weeks prior to the show so he can mail the forms to you. Forms will also be available at the October 13th meeting.

Let us make this a fun and successful show.....Dennis

Other Orchid Shows

Sacramento Show and Plant Sale September 17, 2005 from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm September 18, 2005 10:30 am to 5:00 pm Sheppard Garden and Art Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	San Francisco Orchid Society Presents Orchidfest October 1 & 2, 2005 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Hall of Flowers 9 th Avenue and Lincoln Way San Francisco, CA
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Local Vendors

Livermore

The Orchid Ranch

Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659

<http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis

Tonkins Orchids – Paphiopedilums

Oakland

Orchids Fiori D.Amore

Paolo & Nina DiCandia

510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

Pacifica

White Oak Orchids *Specializing in the Weird and Wonderful*

Pacifica CA USA 94404 (650)355-8767 information

www.whiteoakorchids.com 1-888-672-4432 Toll-Free Order line

Danville

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David & Alice Tomassini

3 Woodside Ct.,; 925-736-7630

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D & D Flowers

Greenhouse located in Half Moon Bay

(925) 969-1246 (by appt. only)

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