A background image of several pink orchids in clear glass vases, arranged in a cluster on the left side of the page. The orchids are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The vases are tall and slender, and the overall scene is set against a light pink background.

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at Our next meeting *Thursday, May. 10th*  
**Patricia Harding - On Brazilian Oncidiums**

Patricia Harding will be speaking on the Oncidiinae of Brazil. She will show us their habitats and examples of the plants as they are found in nature. Even though the species can seem very similar, Patricia will show us the patterns that can be used to identify them. The last half of the program she will talk about the recent re-classification of the species. She tries to keep this humorous and not overwhelm with the science of taxonomy.

Patricia is retired from the workforce and now does orchids, as a writer, traveler, photographer and observer, with a little orchid growing on the side. When she's not traveling, she lives in Oregon.

She will have copies of her book for sale --Orchids of Brazil, Vol.I Oncidiinae for sale for \$45, on a preorder basis. She would like to point out that if you order them online they will cost \$43.25, though this is going up soon to \$53.25.  
<http://www.orchidstudium.com/orchidsofbrazil.html>.

**Next Meeting:**

**Thur. May 10th**

7:30- 10:00 p.m.

Contra Costa Waster District  
Board Room  
1331 Concord Ave.  
Concord Ca.

Map: [www.diabloviewos.org](http://www.diabloviewos.org)

**Speaker's Dinner** with Patricia Harding is on Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.

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## Rexius Bark

*Noble Emery is selling Rexius Bark.  
If you'd like some, give him a call.  
His phone number can be found in  
your Membership Roster.*



*C. Janice Evans  
'Sweet Sixteen'*

## NEED Bark?

## Orchiata Bark

*Sue Davis is selling Orchiata Bark. 'It is #5A 1/2" - 3/4" in size. Great for re-potting young & mature orchids of all types. I am selling it for \$25.00 a bag. The bags are 40 liters or approximately 34 lbs ea. If you want to buy a bag please e-mail me at: [heceta1056@yahoo.com](mailto:heceta1056@yahoo.com). Let me know how much you want.'*



*Cym. floribundum*

*Angcm. leonis*

## At Our April Meeting we had a hands-on potting Event

The DVOS spring lecture series was altered in April to accommodate the newer members of our club. Liz Charlton and Eileen Jackson led the group in an Orchids 101 class of “How To Re-Pot An Orchid.” This was a tell, show, do, hands-on type of presentation with plenty of participants learning the basics of orchid re-potting.

The supplies needed were: Styrofoam pellets or peanuts, the kind you use to send a package; disposable single edge razor blades; a propane torch; nippers; bark; perlite; and clean plastic or clay pots.

The Styrofoam peanuts provide an air space in the bottom of your pot. This allows for good water drainage and air circulation in an area that otherwise can become stagnant and rot.

The razor blades are for making cuts. They are used to cut off dying roots or back bulbs from your existing plant to be transplanted. These are to be used on one plant only then disposed. The purpose of this is that some of your orchids maybe virused or diseased and if you reuse any cutting tool on more than one plant you can contaminate your entire collection.



The alternative to razor blades are nippers and a propane torch. The cutting surface on your nippers can be sterilized in between plants by running the flame of a propane torch over the blades of the nippers several times. This will effectively sterilize the nippers so that no pathogens will be transmitted from plant to plant.

The medium that you plant your orchid in is up to you. For the purpose of this demonstration Rexius Fir Bark was used in either small or medium size. This size is determined by the size of your orchid roots.

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*Potting Party continued*

Orchids with very fine small roots should be potted in small bark. Orchids with larger roots such as cymbidiums and Cattleyas require medium size bark. These bark mediums were mixed with #3 perlite. Perlite is an expanded pumice like stone that provides air space in between the bark to allow for drainage and air circulation. This was mixed in at a ratio of 3parts bark to one part perlite.

All of these supplies can be found at some hardware stores, Navlets nursery's, or Secret Gardens on 921 University Avenue, Berkeley, (510 486-0117).

Now the ABC's of re-potting your orchid. First, the night before you plan to tackle the re-potting of your orchids, you should soak it overnight in water to get rid of the dust. The bark that sinks in the water is not used to re-pot your orchids.



**Now to the actual process of re-potting. Remove and save your tag from the orchid you are re-potting. Next, remove your orchid and clean off the old sheaths from the back bulbs. This is that brownish-white papery material that surrounds the bulbs of the plant. Now remove any dead or rotten roots.**



**Try to leave the dead string in the center of the dead roots this can provide some anchorage to your plant if it is low on roots when you are re-potting. Next, pour hydrogen peroxide over your cut roots to disinfect them. Place your orchid into a new pot that has 1-2 inches of Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom of the pot. The placement of your orchid should be such that the old growth is next to the edge of the pot and the new growth has 1-2 inches of space to grow in the future.**

**This recommendation will also make sure that you don't choose a pot too big for your plant. Next, fill the pot with your new plant in it with your bark and perlite mixture. Tamp this medium around the edges of the pot with a blunt stick or object to compress the medium and hold the root base tight. At this point the plant should be able to be lifted by the leaves and the plant, pot and media should all be as one and be lifted without falling apart. Orchids do not like to be wobbly or be loose in their pots. Then put your tag back into your plant. Do not water your plant for one week.**

**- Brad Piini**

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## Coming Shows and Sales

### D & D Flowers Spring Open House

Half Moon Bay (925) 969-1246

May 19 & 20, 2012 9:00 AM to 3 PM

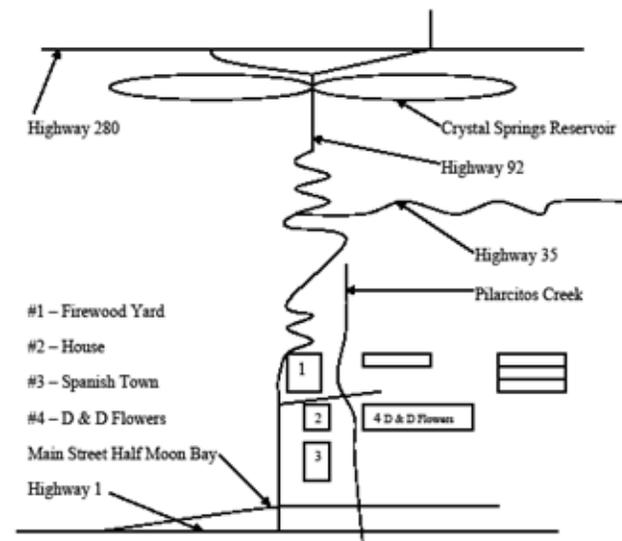
FREE admission and parking

D & D Flowers is not open to the public except for our bi-annual open house events

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve. We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in October of 2011.

1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.



## Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,  
Membership Chair

[membership@dvos.org](mailto:membership@dvos.org)

As of April we have 119 members  
about 40 past members need to pay  
their dues immediately to be included  
the 2012 roster update.

**General Members \$20**

**Commercial Members \$25**

**Lifetime Members \$300**

If you are unable to receive the newsletter  
by email and need a B&W copy mailed to  
you, there is an additional \$10 charge for  
copying and postage.

**New Member/ Renewal application:**

[www.dvos.org/About/membersh.htm](http://www.dvos.org/About/membersh.htm)



*C. Earl 'Imperialis'*



*Cym. goeringii*

The Opportunity Table at our May meeting will be  
provided by the '*Ancient and Honorable Order  
of DVOS Members with Too Many Orchids*'

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DVOS Club Pins  
are still available \$8  
Get yours at our next meeting



*Onc. ghiesbreghtianum*

There were no AOS Awards  
published in time for this newsletter.  
April awards will be printed in our June newsletter.



*Angcm. eburnum*



*Bulb. rothschildianum*

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# Upcoming Speakers and Events

*Refreshments for the April Meeting will be provided by:*

## **FOOD:**

*(Food must be cut into servings)*

<b>Miki Ichiyangi</b>	<b>Barbara Ungersma</b>
<b>Cindy Datangel</b>	<b>Noble Emery</b>
<b>Pascual Machin</b>	<b>JoAnn Kappesser</b>

## **DRINKS:**

**Emmaye Luevano**  
**Bob**  
**Grace Chan**  
**Lorraine Behravesh**

## **ICE:**

**Bernice Lindner**

## **SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:**

**Irmchen Matull**

- May 10: DVOS Meeting: Patricia Harding  
Brazilian Oncidiums
- May 17: DVOS Board meeting at the home  
of Liz and Jamie
- May 19-20: D&D Spring Sale (P8)
- Aug 16: DVOS annual BBQ at the Van  
Galder Estate - This year's theme:  
***Caribbean Holiday***. Bring your friends  
and family for a day of music, auctions, and food.



*Slc. Purple Jewel*

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## Awards DVOS April

### Novice

1st	<i>Cym. floribundum</i>	Jeanette Bean
2nd	<i>Angcm. leonis</i>	Yenifer Yang
3rd	<i>C. Janice Evans</i> 'Sweet Sixteen'	Meg Crosby

### Intermediate

1st	<i>Bulb rothschildianum</i> 'Red Chimney'	Eileen Jackson
2nd	<i>Angcm. eburnum</i>	Noble Emery
3rd	<i>Onc. ghiesbreghtianum</i>	Eileen Jackson

### Advanced

1st	<i>Den. obscurum</i>	Dave Tomassini
2nd	<i>C. Earl</i> 'Imperialis'	Jim Chan
3rd	<i>Slc. Purple Jewel</i>	Ted & Nancy McClellan

### Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

<i>Cym. goeringii</i>	Akiko Ogawa
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*Den. obscurum*

## **An Update from Headquarters – AOS on the move**

The sale of the property to the Slomin Foundation, a foundation supporting those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, was completed on November 20, 2011. The AOS orchid collection was moved to temporary growing space in mid-December managed by a major donor to the Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Fairchild is now in the process of cataloging these plants and will in the next month or so begin their move and permanent installation within the Gardens. On Monday March 26, the furniture was moved from the old location to our new offices at the Fairchild and we will then begin the process of settling in. Due to the commuting distance, a number of AOS employees will not be going with us which will require us to manage the day-to-day business to the best of our abilities. During this interim transition, members may experience a delay with regard to requests of the staff and it is recommended that contact be through the general email address [TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org) or through the appropriate committee email addresses. We will do our best to keep these to a minimum. More information about the move and transition will be forthcoming in future issues of *Orchids* or from time to time on the AOS website. The new AOS mailing address is: The American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156.

## **Announcing the 2012 Magazine Supplement**

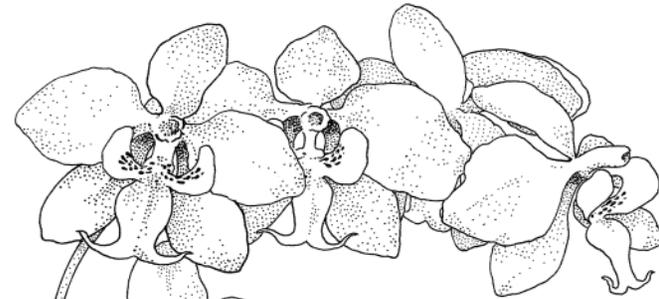
AOS has an excellent thesis on the genus *Cycnoches*, written by George Carr which will be published as the third AOS magazine supplement. It is a thorough and well-researched paper written by an expert on this genus of orchids that are becoming increasingly popular. We know it will be a valued addition to this volume of *Orchids*. It will mail with the August issue of *Orchids* and once again we appeal to the membership to make a small donation to help underwrite the cost of production.

If each member of the AOS donates merely \$2.00, we will have enough to publish this special 32-page supplement and cover the increased cost of mailing with the regularly scheduled magazine. Please go to the AOS website and click the 2012 Magazine Supplement link for a painless payment of \$2.00 through PayPal.© Of course you may also donate more than \$2.00.

## DVOS Officers 2012

**President:** George McRae  
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**Orchid Digest Representative:** Brian Wraxall  
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**DVOS Show Chairs** Liz Charlton and Kathy Barrett

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