

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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Show  
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page 5)*

**Notice new  
meeting time!**



## March Meeting:

**Thursday, Mar. 9 7:15 pm**  
**at the Contra Costa Water District**

*Refreshments (in serving sized pieces!)*

*Snacks:* Arlene Cosand, Linda Castleton,  
George Cooper, Jackie Krstulovich, Kay  
Clark, Francine Tchan, Bert Seltzer

*Drinks:* Wanda Nunez, Miki Ichiyanagi,  
Daniel Neighbors

*Ice:* Barbara Ungersma

## March Meeting's Program:

**Neal Winslow will be telling us about  
growing Odontoglossum orchids.**

**(see bio on the next page)**

**Speaker's dinner at 5:30 pm at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-853-3963 and leave a message.**

**Be sure to check out the pot luck field trip on page 4!**

**March Speaker:** Neal Winslow

**Title:** Growing *Odontoglossum* Orchids

Neal, and his wife Sue, started growing orchids in the 70's, starting with *phalaenopsis* orchids from the Rod McLellan Co. on the end of his kitchen table.

When there wasn't enough room for Neal and Sue to eat dinner they built a small greenhouse on the driveway. In the early 80's Neal left his job at SRI to take over the houseplant business at a local nursery. Of course, orchids were heavily featured at the 3000 sq ft greenhouse that housed the houseplant business. After only a few

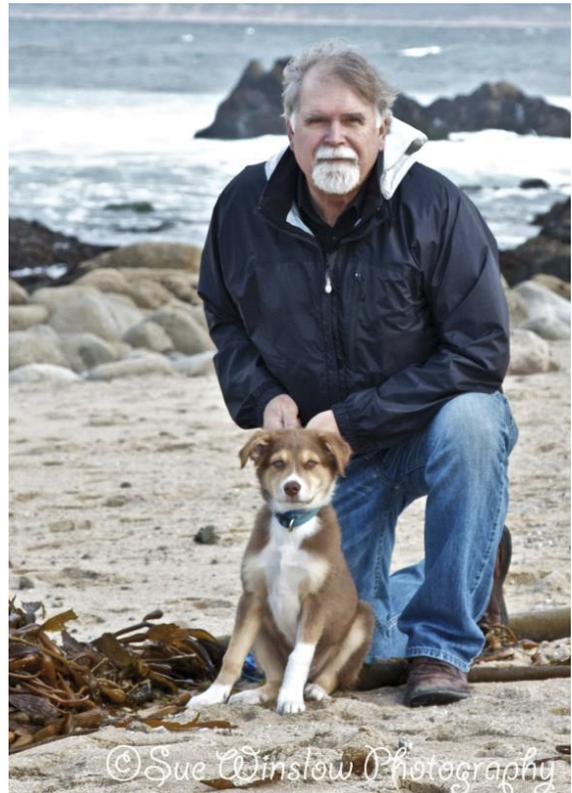
years, the nursery was sold for development and Neal took a job with Zoecon Corp where his friend Gerardus Staal worked. Neal worked in as a Research Biologist in Herbicide Development at Zoecon/Sandoz Crop Protection until the facility closed 16 years later.

In the meantime, Neal and Sue rented growing space from Robert Wescott/Herb Hagar, and later Bob Jones in Watsonville, and sold orchids at orchid sales and faires. The long drive to Watsonville each weekend eventually wore them down and they built a greenhouse at their East Palo Alto home.

Initially Neal grew *Cattleyas* and other warm growers, but over time switched to growing primarily *Miltoniopsis* and SLCs under intermediate conditions. About four years ago, Neal switched over to growing cool growers, especially *Odontoglossums*, which he had always wanted to grow.

The talk will include discussion on cool conditions, culture, plants to grow, and some tips on selecting *Odontoglossum* alliance plants for other temperature ranges.

The plant table will include plants suitable for intermediate and cool conditions.



# President's Message

Dear Orchid Friends,

Just yesterday, I had an opportunity to do volunteer work at the **San Francisco Orchid and Garden Exhibition** in the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

The facility was appropriately named: Orchids everywhere for show, judging and sale. This event is a **feast for the senses**. The commitment of SF Orchid Society member is an inspiration.

**If you missed it this year, watch for next year, and take your camera.**

Keep reading, here comes the important stuff:

\* I am pleased to confirm that **DVOS** has many **dedicated members** who give of their time and share their expertise, some have done so for years!! **Thank you to All.**

\* **Refreshment Chair Person** : This is a chance to keep a lot of people happy.

**If you can lift paper cups and plates, you are qualified for this job!**

You don't have to refinance the house, we pay for the supplies.

**No need to bring food**, just circulate the sign-up sheet.

If you can do this with a smile, that's even better!!

\* **New Meeting time: 7:15pm or 19:15**, chose the time you like best.....

\* **Meeting Program**: we have already staffed a **new position of Time Keeper!**

The idea is to condense the pearls of wisdom and **get us out on time: 9:45pm or 21:45!!**

This hobby of growing orchids requires some financial commitment.

Some us need to be awake on Friday morning to ensure continued, gainful employment

\* **Raffle Table**: if you have been to an Orchid Show, you know that **our raffle table is a bargain.**

Last month's table was exceptional, and March's will be very good as well.

This is an opportunity to **have fun** and help to defray Speaker's fees.

\* **Baskets**: **Some orchids like to be wild and unrestrained.** You have seen baskets of wood and plastic material. Wire is another option which lends itself to a "custom" design .

You can create this yourself. I know you can do it, because I did it, and will bring one to the next meeting.

\* **Show and Tell**: Please share your successes. We love looking at blooms.

Even roots can cause excitement.

\* **Welcome**: We are pleased to have you attend our monthly meetings and invite you to bring your friends, your smile and your checkbook, in case you have not paid your dues!!

**Happy Growing!**

**Renate Johnson**  
**President, DVOS**

# POT LUCK

Date: **SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

Where: **California Orchids**  
515 Aspen Road  
Bolinas CA 94924

We were there last year and had a great time, dining amongst their collection of amazing orchids!

Email Yunor with how many people you are bringing. And bring chairs along with your pot luck item!



**CALIFORNIA ORCHIDS**

**Welcome**

California Orchids is one of the oldest boarding facilities in the San Francisco Bay Area. We have been growing orchids professionally for over 30 years, and operating our Orchid Boarding business since 1985. The temperate nature of our location, West Marin County, allows us to grow a wide range of orchid genera.

At present we have 5 heated greenhouses and as well as a covered outdoor growing area. These areas give us over 15,000 square feet of space divided and heated according to the varying needs of some 12,000 orchid plants, from seedlings to very large specimens.

The central focus of California Orchids is to develop and grow orchid collections for our clients and we concentrate on this rather than wholesale or retail sales. The exception is our [Bi-annual Sale](#), which is open to the public each spring and fall.

[Directions to California Orchids](#)

Our Spring Sale will be Saturday March 25th, 2017, 9am-4pm. Fill out the form so we have your email address. [If you need directions](#) or would like to be notified about our sales just [fill out this form](#).

While these pages are primarily dedicated to our boarding clients we encourage you to browse our site, find out more about [boarding](#), sign up to be [notified about our sales](#), and enjoy our [favorite links](#).

Thanks for stopping by,  
Mary Nisbet

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