

Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2005
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

PROGRAM TOPIC: 10 Rules of Thumb for Growing Orchids **Debra Atwood, Napa Valley Orchids**

Our speaker this month is Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids. Her topic will be "10 Rules of Thumb for Growing Orchids." She has been the sole proprietor of Napa Valley Orchids for 5 years. She is very interested in educating the novice orchid grower and has taught over 100 orchid classes and workshops and spoke at several orchid societies. Debra sells species and hybrid orchids at local farmers markets and orchid shows; performs greenhouse maintenance and consultations.

Debra will bring a variety of products for sale; including pots, potting medium, humidity trays, light meters, fertilizer, grow lights, etc. She will also provide plants for the Opportunity Table. Napa Orchids is open 7 days a week by appointment. Debra can be reached at (707) 255-8266.

Species in Focus - *Paphiopedilum delanatii* **(Vietnam)**

The well-known story of this species relates that two specimens were collected in Tonkin, North Vietnam and introduced into cultivation in 1913.

One of these plants went to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, and perished, and the other went to Paris and flourished. Selfings (seedlings resulting from self-pollination) of this single plant were widely distributed in the orchid trade. This story is often offered as proof of the efficiency of modern orchid propagation techniques.

In 1922, a specimen of *Paph. delanatii* was also collected in the Nha Trang area of South Vietnam, and its preserved remains was sent to Paris. No

further reports of collections of *Paph delanatii* were recorded in the next 70 years, and it was assumed to be extinct in the wild.

Then in 1992, large numbers of wild-collected *Paph. delanatii* appeared in the markets of Taiwan and Hong Kong. These plants were collected in the Bi Dup mountain range in Southern Vietnam. While most of these newer specimens are similar in color to the original Tonkin specimen, being light pink with a slightly darker colored pouch, some new color forms were also discovered; including specimens with nearly white flowers and dark lavender pouch, and alba forms.

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Meeting Details

- Plant sales will open at 6:30 PM.
 - Pre-program culture session starts at 7:00 PM
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 - Raffle table will be provided by Debra Atwood, Napa Valley Orchids
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Dinner with the Speaker

The Speaker's Dinner will be at the Ta Ke Sushi Bar, 357 Grand Avenue, just south of the park. The restaurant serves a variety of cooked Japanese dishes as well as sushi and sashimi.

Dinner is at 5:30 PM

Raffle Table Volunteers

July – Mary Lou Smith & Saeid Nourizadzh

August – Earle Stebben & Sharalyn Stebben

Dessert Assignments

Members with last names from “Ptolemy” to “Tutankhamen” are responsible for bringing refreshments to the July meeting. If it is your turn to bring refreshments, you are also responsible for participating in the set-up and clean-up. If you are unable to bring refreshments, please make a monetary donation. Those that provide refreshments are entitled to participate in a drawing for the first choice of raffle plants.

Calendar

August 13-14

D & D Flowers is having a huge inventory reduction sale. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Half Moon Bay. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. See ad page 3 or call Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246

September 29–October 2

Hilo Orchid Society 53rd Annual Orchid Show & Sale, Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium, 699 Piilani St., Hilo, HI. Contact: Carol A. Siebenrock, PO Box 990, Kurtistown, HI 96760; (808) 968-8196.

October 12–16

Sonoma County Orchid Society Show and AOS Members Meeting, Doubletree Hotel, One Doubletree Dr., Rohnert Park, CA. Contact: Dr. Earl Rathbun, 1920 Grace Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95404; (707) 528-1671

November 11-13

Orchid Society of California Show, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA. Contact: Francisco Baptista, 375 Warwick Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577

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Need more? See the AOS Calendar online at: <http://orchidweb.org/aos/events/shows.aspx>

OSC November Show Organizing

The first planning meeting for the November show is being held Friday, July 29th, 7:00PM, at 375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro (The Paph House). The phone number is 635-2845. . All members are invited. We need all your help.

Francisco Baptista

Greenhouse Tours

On August 21 we will be visiting the greenhouse of Earle and Sharalyn Stebben, and then to Carol Klonowski's greenhouse where we will also be having our annual newcomers bar-b-queue. Questions? Give me a call:

(510) 569-8683 Mimi Rose

Open House in Berkeley

100's of beautiful Orchids. I'm thinning out my collection and I invite you to attend my Open House on Saturday & Sunday, July 23-24 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. My address is, 1760 Franklin Street in Berkeley, near the North Berkeley BART station.

Christina Lisac

July In Your Orchid Garden

We all should be in full swing as far as tending to the growth that should be occurring in nearly all our plants. Even cymbidiums, which have tapered off their blooming phase, will be starting to send out new leaves and bulbs, and warm growers are well on their way to bloom or bud. With the long days of sunlight ahead, plants will receive the longest doses of their light requirements. Complementing this situation with adequate water and fertilizer is the way to maintain the growth cycle.

Speaking of cymbidiums, consider dividing them now if they are truly out of bloom. It's all too common to let these plants get so crowded in their pots that dividing them is a bigger chore than most of us want to take on. Hopefully we have all seen the cymbidium demonstrations by the Chu brothers at our

shows, and have a sharpened axe lying around for the larger specimens! Remember to keep divisions at three or more active growing bulbs for best results in the 'new' plants.

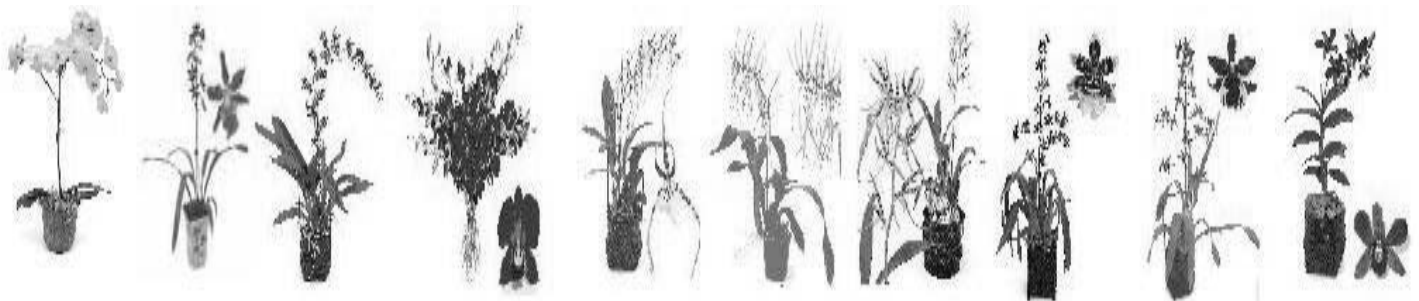
Stake the long spikes on oncidiums, brassias and other blooming plants to keep them straight and supported against the accidental brush which might snap them off. Spread slug and snail bait, or an organic alternative, to avoid the heartbreak of seeing a large flower spike bitten in half by hungry mollusks. Finally, move the cooler growing plants of your collection into moister, breezier areas to keep them cool during summer heat spells.

Carol Klonowski

D & D Flowers Huge Inventory Reduction Sale

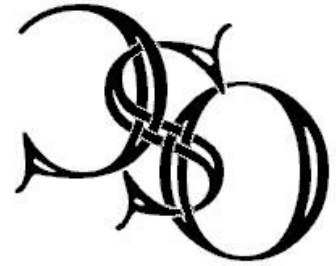
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The greenhouse is located in Half Moon Bay, 1/3 mile east of Main Street. Just east of Spanish Village on Hwy 92 is a house and wood pile yard. Turn onto the street between the house and wood pile yard and go over the bridge. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you have any questions about the directions, please call Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246.



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