

SCVOS

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NEWSLETTER

There is no regular monthly meeting on December 1st!!

HOLIDAY DINNER

What are you doing Sunday night, December 12th? Want to have a great meal and great food?? Join SCVOS members at the Blue Pheasant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino at 7:00 PM for our annual Holiday Dinner. The choices on the menu are: Scampi-Tiger Shrimp, Breast of Chicken Jerusalem, Broiled New York Steak or Pasta Primavera. With all the trimmings, this event costs approximately \$50 per person. SCVOS will substantially subsidize the cost of the event, enabling members to have a wonderful dinner for just \$25 per person. Each member will also receive a free plant.

If you would like to join us and have not yet made your reservations, please send your reservation to Cathi Contreras at 1540 Santa Inez Dr. San Jose, 95125 (264-2120) as soon as possible. **Cathi must have your reservations by Friday, December 3.**

Doug Pulley will be providing plants for the Holiday Dinner opportunity table. Plants will include Cattleya, Cymbidium, Laelia species, Miltoniopsis (including species), Phragmipedium

(including species), Coryanthes (bucket orchid) species, Dendrobium species, Ghost orchid, Paphiopedilum, Stanhopea species and hybrids, Sievekingia species, Epipactus species, etc.



JANUARY SPEAKER

Our January Speaker will be Gavin McDonald from South Africa. His topic is "South African Indigenous Orchids". Gavin has a BSC in taxonomy and biogeography of Disas and Eulophias. He also has a Master's degree in the taxonomy and biogeography of Orchids in the Durban area (wherein he resides). He is currently the senior lecturer at the Department of Nature Conservation at Manosuthu Technikon. Gavin has been a South African Orchid Council Judge since 1989.

UPCOMING SHOWS & SALES

THE PAPH HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH 9 AM – 4 PM.

There will be three guest vendors: Fred Shull Orchids; Sea God Orchids 'Robert Benevides' (Raymond Burr); and D & D Flowers (Dennis Olivas). For directions or questions please contact Fred or Francisco at 1 (510) 6335-2845.



ORCHIDS IN WINTER

Culture Notes from Jim Griffin:

Adjust your watering schedule as necessary. Outdoor plants generally get less water so the roots don't rot. If your house stays warm and the humidity is low, indoor plants may require more frequent watering.

Phals don't like to go under 60 degrees but most Paphs are probably OK into the 40s. As your Dendrobiums and Cattleya types come into bud and blossom, hit them with a higher phosphorus fertilizer, such as 10-30-10.

When you water, look for signs of insect damage like slimy and silvery slug and snail trails. Act immediately to get them or you lose buds and blossoms that you've waited all year to see.

As time permits, start primping the plants, especially the ones you will enter in the shows in March and April. Clean the leaves. Remove dead leaves and pseudobulb sheaths. Pick those weeds. Spray for insects if necessary.



BOARD MEETING

There will be no board meeting in December. There will be a budget meeting on December 1st at the Legion Hall.



FOR SALE

Used Grow Cart with 400-watt metal halide (balanced spectrum) grow lamp for indoor growing. Can grow Cattleyas and Dendrobiums, which need higher light levels. Two shelves/trays, molded polypropylene 1" deep, so you can keep trays filled with water for humidity. 2' deep x 4' long. With overhead lamp, it stands 6' high. Sturdy aluminum frame, on casters. \$75 (New it's over \$250). Call Jim Griffin at 355-4745.



FREE CYMBIDIUMS!!

Here's an opportunity to obtain cymbidiums at the right price – Free! You just have to go to Hayward to pick them up. If you are interested, please call Susan Busco at 1 (408) 243-0501.

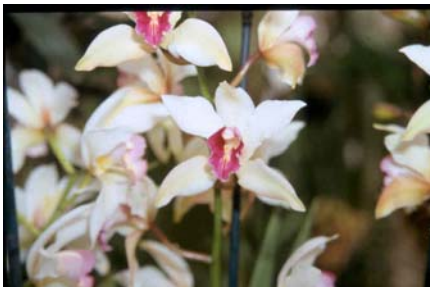


RULE OF 3

Remember to bring all the orchids you'd like to show to our January meeting. But in order to keep our Show and Tell time under one hour, just "tell" about 3 of your plants. Put your name on the others so we'll know you brought them in and members can talk to you about them if they have questions.

SKILL SESSION

If you would like to do a skill session or if you have a topic you would like to see, please let Kristina Bell or a board member know.



SCVOS BOARD:

The Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society is a non-profit organization that meets the first Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose, California. The meeting usually starts at 7:30 pm. The schmoozing starts at about 7:00 pm.

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