

# SCVOS

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Newsletter – July 2004

## Upcoming SCVOS Events

August: Alan Koch will be our speaker on Mini Catts. SCVOS Local Greenhouse Tour details coming soon.

September: Our Annual Auction

October: Eric Hunt on Orchids from Ecuador

November: Alex Pardo on Venezuela Orchids

December: Annual Christmas Dinner, with free orchid.

## Our SCVOS Newsletter

Marie Lofton has agreed to be our new Newsletter Editor, and Dave Riches has volunteered to be the keeper of the email/snail mail database. We greatly appreciate their help, along with our Membership coordinator Angie Peterson. If you are having trouble getting the newsletter, please contact Dave Riches at: (408) 445-0388 or [driches@pacbell.net](mailto:driches@pacbell.net)

Thanks in advance to them for their contributions! We now have a newsletter archive site at [www.scvos.com](http://www.scvos.com) take a look when you need a back issue. Hopefully this site will grow to include other items about SCVOS, in the coming months.

I'd like to apologize to the folks that have missed the newsletter while I have been in charge. I sincerely hope things get better with two folks working on the content and distribution separately. Tanya

## Upcoming Meetings

July 7, 2004

General Meeting

Refreshments for July's meeting will be provided by: Ignacio Moreno, MaryAnne Schreier, Marie Lofton, and Phyllis Eastman. If you can't make it please let Kristina know at 294-1839. **Remember, you get a free plant ticket** when you bring food! The kitchen staff would appreciate if everyone could help out in the kitchen once a year or when you bring treats.

## "Weird & Wonderful"

This month our speaker is Scott Dallas from White Oaks Orchids. White Oak Orchids is an orchid nursery located in Pacifica, California, USA (just south of San Francisco). **White Oak Orchids**



specializes in species orchids (*The Weird and the Wonderful*), as well as a wide variety of orchid hybrids. Retail sales are available by appointment. Orchid boarding services are available for orchid enthusiasts throughout the San

Francisco Bay Area. In addition to sales and boarding, they offer at-your-site orchid maintenance and design, and an array of consulting services. (excerpt from [www.whiteoakorchids.com](http://www.whiteoakorchids.com)).

# Local Greenhouse Tour

## Bus Tour August 14!

Sylvia Grossman has put together a wonderful commercial orchid growers bus tour for us. Our tour will include the Paph House in Oakland, a large private grower, and three commercial growers in Livermore including Paul Schamm & Fordyce Orchids, plus some wine tasting. You will learn more about growing a wide range of orchids. And the growers will give us special discounts. The tour will include paphs, miltonias, cats, cymbidiums and more, so there should be something for everybody. You get to ask all the questions you want on how commercial orchid growers do what they do.

Tentative price for Payments received or postmarked by July 21st: Members = \$12, Non-members = \$17, Kids ages 10-18 = \$10

Payments received or postmarked between July 22nd to August 14th prices:  
Members = \$15 Non-members = \$20, Kids = \$13

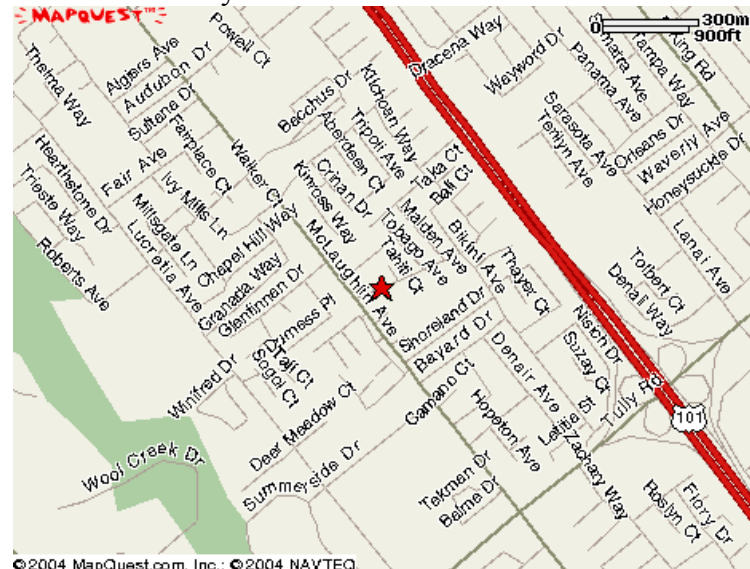
Lunch: On your own, at your expense, in Pleasanton. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Or, hang out with friends. We have a reservation at nice Italian restaurant in Pleasanton, Strizzi's, with a very reasonable menu. When you sign up please let us know if you will be joining the reservation so we can get a final count.

Our tentative plans are to meet at the bus at 9 a.m., Saturday morning August 14th, and return by 5 p.m. Questions: contact Silvia Grossman at [Sylviag@cadence.com](mailto:Sylviag@cadence.com) or Jim Griffin (408) 395-3888 [griffjim@aol.com](mailto:griffjim@aol.com)

## New Orchid Book Opportunity:

An Excellent 96 page booklet called An Orchidist's Lexicon has just been published. It covers abbreviations for everything, multi-generic crosses, definitions and taxonomy. It is a wealth of info for beginners and advanced growers alike. We will sell them for \$8.00. E-mail Kristina ([kbellwolf@aol.com](mailto:kbellwolf@aol.com)) if you would like a copy.

**Next Board meeting is the 3rd Wed of July:** At Kristina Bell's house located at: 1231 Taper Lane, San Jose 95122. All members are welcome. Come along and help us make those important decisions!! Please give Kristina a call (294-1839) if you are coming so she can be sure to have a chair for you.



## Upcoming AOS Judging Dates

July 6th Pacific Central Supplemental Judging – San Francisco <http://orchidweb.org/dates.html>

## Upcoming Shows, Workshops

July 10-11 Fordyce Orchids Clearance sale: 10-5pm 925-447-1659 or <http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

July 17- WORKSHOP ON MOUNTING ORCHIDS. Ann Stuart will give a workshop on "Mounting Your Orchids" at her home on Saturday July 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Limited to 5 people. Please bring your own lunch. All supplies will be provided, including plants, but bring your own plants to mount if you wish. Call Ann to sign up at (408) 267-3397

August 14: SCVOS Orchid Shopping bus tour (see notice on this page above).

# Beginner's Tip

If you want to buy plants that have especially good characteristics, choose ones that have AOS (American Orchid Society) awards listed after their name. Example: *Blc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'*, **AM/AOS**, indicates this plant won an Award of Merit.

- **AD (Award of Distinction) and AQ (Award of Quality)**  
These awards for breeding recognize worthy new trends and improved quality, respectively.
- **AM (Award of Merit)**  
A flower scoring 80 to 89 points on a 100-point scale. This flower-quality award is a fine though lesser achievement than the FCC.
- **CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition)**  
Awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest.
- **CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)**  
The beginning orchid grower may hope to attain this award because it recognizes the grower, rather than flower quality. The CCM/AOS may be given more than once if the plant continues to thrive and increase in both the size and number of flowers.
- **CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence)**  
Certificate of Cultural Excellence - This award further distinguishes growers of plants that exhibit an extreme degree of skill in cultivation, having received 90 points or more on the scale that has been used for the Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM).
- **CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)**  
Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal.
- **FCC (First Class Certificate)**  
The highest flower-quality award, given to flowers scoring 90 points or more on a 100-point scale.
- **HCC (Highly Commended Certificate)**  
The HCC is granted to a flower scoring 75 to 79 points on a 100-point scale. The great majority of awarded orchids receive this award, which

implies that, while the flower is outstanding, there is room for improvement.

- **JC (Judges' Commendation)**  
Given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways.

Excerpt from AOS website <http://orchidweb.org>

## 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 usual meeting starts at 7:30 pm. The schmoozing starts at about 7:00 pm.

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