

# SCVOS

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Newsletter – June 2004

## Upcoming SCVOS Events

July: Scott Dallas is our speaker on Weird and Wonderful. He comes to us from White Oak Orchids.

August: Alan Koch will be our speaker on Mini Catts

September: Our Annual Auction

October: Eric Hunt on Orchids from Ecuador

November: Alex Pardo on Venezuela Orchids

## Our SCVOS Website

Right now we have a newsletter archive site at [www.scvos.com](http://www.scvos.com) take a look when you need a back issue. We would like to make this site more.....

Tanya Zook, our current Newsletter Editor, will soon move on to take over as webmaster of our SCVOS website. We need two people to replace her; 1) a person as a copy editor to gather news and pictures and put the newsletter together. And 2) another person to maintain the email database and email and snail mail the newsletter. You need basic computer skills and about 1-3 hours a month. You will be greatly appreciated! Call Tanya at 256-5513 or Jim Griffin 395-3888.

## Bus Tour coordinator?

We need would like to have a SCVOS bus tour of the local orchid shops, and we are looking for a volunteer to put the trip together. If you are interested in coordinating, please contact a board member (see list on back page).

## Upcoming Meetings

June 2, 2004

General Meeting

Refreshments for June's meeting will be provided by: Eanghak Quach, Ray & Laurel Kaleda. We could use one or two more contributors. If you can't make it please let Kristina know at 294-1839. We also need signups for the rest of the year. Please contact Marie Lofton at 629-0264 or [smlofton@pacbell.net](mailto:smlofton@pacbell.net).

**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.

## "Beginner's Night"

This month will be for beginners. We will have 3 very short lectures, a potting demo, and then a question and answer period.

1. Rick Barry: on watering. He is a long time member of our society and past president of Malihini.

He is very proficient at indoor growing.

2. Ed Nazzal: on fertilizer. He was our treasurer for more years than he cares to remember. He has a greenhouse and a shade house and excels at simplifying the orchid growing process.

3. Walter Shinn: on deformed flowers. He is the Vice President for SFOS.

4. Ann Stuart will be giving a cattleya potting demonstration. She is our club expert on mounted dendrobiums. She has been growing orchids over 20 years.

The questions you have emailed, have been given to the appropriate person. Please send questions to

Kbellwolf@aol.com or bring written down to the June meeting

## **Opportunity Table for June**

Anna Chai has probably won more orchid awards than any other commercial or orchid hobbyist in Northern California. She locates, buys, and grows splendidly many rare and unusual orchids. More than 35 of her orchids will be available for our June meeting on the opportunity (raffle!) table. This really is a chance of a lifetime if you want high quality orchids at bargain prices.

**Next Board meeting is the 3rd Wed of June:** please contact a board member for directions; see list on back page. All members are welcome Come along and help us make those important decisions!!

## **SCVOS Show Data:**

Total sales for the show were \$13,165. Last year was about \$17K...other societies have seen a similar drop this year....

Total SCVOS member plant sales were \$7,767, about 60% of total plant sales. SCVOS retained 25% of member plant sales for an income on member's plants of \$1,942. Total net revenue for all plant sales at the show was \$2,891.

Thanks again to Conrad Kumata and Lothar and ALL the hardworking volunteers that made this a great event! My apology to Conrad for the wrong last name on the show page.....

## **Reminder**

**If any members have plants they took set up night of the orchid show and still need to pay for; they can contact Lothar Schicker (408) 379-0154 or Kristina Bell (408) 294-1839.**

## **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. I will send around a sign up at the next meeting or email Kristina ([kbellwolf@aol.com](mailto:kbellwolf@aol.com)) if you would like a copy, (but don't do both).

## **Beginner's Tip**

Learn about the process of growing orchids. By volunteering in your club, you learn invaluable orchid growing tips. Reading publications such as the one above, orchid magazines or books from our library is a sure way to improve your orchid growing.

## **May-June Orchid Checkup**

### **Cattleya**

The spring blooming types will finish the process of ripening the soft fleshy pseudobulbs. It is important to hold back on the watering a little as the pseudobulbs ripen. Too much water now will split the bulbs, creating a great place for rot or pests to make a home. Watch the potting mix for deterioration and repot as the mature pseudobulbs begin to produce roots. The summer bloomers may be in bud or sheath. Evaporative coolers may be for greenhouse growers in our area. Change your cooler pads and completely check out your equipment before the heat of summer is upon us. The late summer, fall and winter bloomers will be approaching maximum growth during the next few months. Provide adequate fertilizer during June/July.

## May-June Orchid Checkup continued...

### **Daphiopedilum**

Provide cooling and good air circulation during the late spring and summer months.

**Daphiopedilums** will dry quickly now, so make sure they do not dry out completely. With the heat of summer comes stress for your tender plants. Water early in the day, and watch for water in the crowns in the evening to prevent rot.

### **Phalaenopsis**

Potting should be complete by now. The best time for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. Most phalaenopsis plants produce their best growth during the next few months. Provide adequate fertilizer during June/July to maximize growth and to ensure bloom spikes in the fall.

(More leaves means flowers)

### **Vandaceous**

During the next few months these plants will begin enjoying the humidity and heat of their native lands. Leave should be light green in color and watering should be thorough and roots misted several times a day during hot periods. Make sure they dry off by nightfall. Flower spikes will begin to show for most

### **All Orchids**

The warmer weather has been increasing the metabolism of the pests and has also increasing the spawning cycle. The best time to deal with the little creatures is now! Monitor your collection regularly and carefully. Take immediate action once they are discovered.

The idea for this section originally came from articles published by Ned Nash and James Rose at the AOS. The above information has been modified to suit our climate.

## Upcoming AOS Judging Dates

June 1st, July 6th Pacific Central Supplemental  
Judging – San Francisco  
June 21st Pacific Central Judging – Oakland

## **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.

### **Officers for 2004**

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