

SCVOS

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Newsletter – May 2004

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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Upcoming Meetings

May 5, 2004

General Meeting

Refreshments for May's meeting will be provided by: Dolores Flores, Tita Sudaria, Belen Camello, Fifi/Angel Struman. 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.

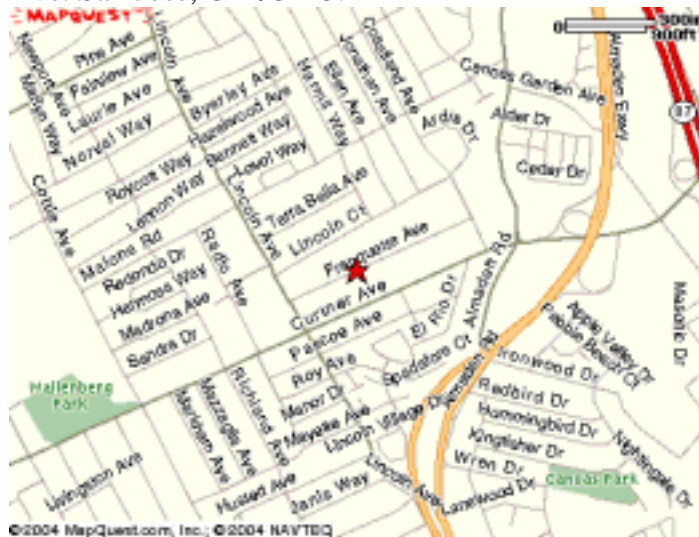
"Maxillarias and Catasetums."

Our speaker for May is Doug Conkin currently resides in Sherman Oaks, California. He began growing orchids at the age of twelve and has been avidly involved ever since. He currently maintains a mixed collection of approximately 1,000 plants. A frequent and much-in-demand lecturer on orchids, Doug has spoken for orchid societies and the prestigious Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. Mr. Conkin is noted for his ability to present the complex world of orchids in a manner suitable for the advanced enthusiast and the absolute beginner. In 1998, he finished the production of the video, "Anyone Can Grow Orchids...Even You" It received wide acclaim at the East West Orchid show. Doug has written a yearlong series of articles on Integrated Pest Management for The Orchid Digest magazine. He also serves The Orchid Digest as an associate editor. Doug is a Certified Probationary Judge in the American Orchid Society judging system, Pacific South Region.

Opportunity Table for May

Buy lots of raffle tickets for the May plant table. It will be spectacular! It will have a larger than usual number of plants with many blooming, leftover from the show. Also we will have show seedlings from H&R and Art Sudaria will be supplying plants.

Next Board meeting is the 3rd Wed of May: at the home of Lynell Miller, 987 Franquette Ave. San Jose, CA 95125.



All members are welcome Come along and help us make those important decisions!! Give Lynell a call so she can be sure there are enough chairs (408-264-3870).

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.

Beginner's Tip

Some growers reduce nitrogen and increase phosphorus (e.g., 5-30-5) in their fertilizer as they see spikes and buds emerge to increase number and size of blooms. (Contributed by Jim Griffin)

Annual Member's Greenhouse Tour May 15th

Saturday, May 15th from 9AM-1 noon we will be having our Annual Member's Greenhouse Tour. Pick up a flyer at the May meeting for club members whose greenhouses will be open for you to visit. Provide your own transportation. Some members arrange to car pool. Good opportunity to buy plants.

Shows and Sales Locally:

May 1-2, Carmel Orchid Society Show & Sale, Crossroads Center, Hwy 1 at Rio Rd 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Carmel Valley. Questions call: Ida Hale, 831-646-8724

May 1-9, Orchids Fiori D'Amore Annual Orchid Sale, 4526 Fair Ave Oakland 510-530-4884. May 7-9, Fri. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sat-Sun. 9 a.m. – 5 pm

May 7-9: The Orchid Society of California Presents Mother's Day Show & Sale
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, Oakland
Fri., May 7, 9AM to 7 PM Sat. and Sun, May 8 & 9, 9AM to 5PM <http://www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com>

May 8: Fred Shull Orchids, formerly Allendale Orchids, invites you to our Spring Open House and Huge Stock Reduction Sale to be held on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, at 225 Dwight Road, Burlingame. For more information please contact Fred at 415-310-4772 (cell phone).

May 8-9: Orchid Mania Mother's Day Show & Sale, Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM. Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. <http://www.orchids.org/events/MaySale.html>

May 22-23: D & D Flowers Open House & Sale, Hwy. 92, Half Moon Bay. Sat & Sun. 9 AM – 3 PM.
Dennis Olivas, 925-969-1246.

Upcoming SCVOS Events

MAY 15: Greenhouse tour: see info to left this page, or contact Jim Griffin 395-3888

June: This month will be for beginners. We will have 3 very short lectures and then a question and answer period. Please send questions to Kbellwolf@aol.com or bring written down to the May meeting. If you would like to serve on the expert panel let Kristina know (email above).

July: Scott Dallas is our speaker on Weird and Wonderful.

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

Results of SCVOS Show: (Contributed by Conrad Yamada)

Judges Choice:	Phais tuberculosis	Than Le
Best Culture	Cym canaliculatum	Than Le
Cattleya Alliance		
Best Amateur	SLC TAngerine Jewel	Dave Riches
Best Intermediate	BC Island Charm	Angelique Nguyen
Best Advanced	C. skinneri "Casa Luna"	Kreg martin
Best Species	C. skinneri "Casa Luna"	Kreg martin
Best Laelia & Hyb.	L. Santa Barbara Sunset	Ed Nazzal
Best Miniature	SL Cheerio 'Delores'	Bud Seagraves

Phalaenopsis & Doritis		
Best Am.	P Taisuco 'Kaalidian'	Cha Le Tran
Best Int.	P. Facination Waltz 'Pink Pearl'	Jim Griffin
(No Adv. Species, or Multiflora)		

Cymbidium		
Best Am	Cym. canaliculatum 'Anisa'	Than Le
Best Int.	Cym lowianum 'James Drysdale'	Donna Barnett
Best Adv	Cym goeringii	Buddy Mark
Best species	Cym. canaliculatum 'Anisa'	Than Le
best pendulous	Cym. canaliculatum 'Anisa'	Than Le

Paphiopedilum		
Best Am	Paph Darling 'Bagatele'	Andrew Miller
Best Int	Paph bellatulum	Rick Barry
Best Adv	Paph Toni Semple	Ed nazzal
Best Species	Paph bellatulum	Rick Barry

Dendrobium		
Best Hybrid	D. Fire Coral 'Super Star'	Kreg martin
Best Species	D. canaliculatum	Kreg martin

Other		
Best Vandaceous	V. Hilo Blue	Bud Seagraves
Best Hyb other genera	WilsI Intermesso	Kreg martin
Best Species other genera	Phais tuberculosis HCC/AOS	Than Le

Thanks so much to all the volunteers that make the show work!!! And Especially Thanks to Conrad as the Show Chair and Lothar as Co-chair for making it a great show! (Picture by Jim Griffin).