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OCTOBER MEETING

The speaker for October is ERIC HUNT. Eric is a member of the San Francisco Orchid Society, American Orchid Society, the Orchid Digest Corporation and President of OrchidMania in San Francisco. A renown photographer, Eric will be discussing and showing photos of orchids from Ecuador. His personal website states: "Photography was my passion before I found orchids, and now that I have a good handle on the orchid world, I am combining the two. The combination of having no growing space myself along with my belief in sharing information through the Internet, I have started a personal photo archive of orchid species. The Bay Area is full of people seriously interested in the growing and conservation of orchid species, and I am doing my part to give back to the greater world orchid community by putting orchid species photographs on the Internet."



Eric (in orange shirt) at OrchidMania Mother's Day Sale

The Plant Table will be provided by Jim Griffin. There will be twice as many plants as usual and more of them will be blooming. This is a raffle not to be missed.

REFRESHMENTS: October refreshments will be provided by Lynell Miller, Carol Laucella, Mel Raley and Silvana Smith.

OFFICER & BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

A suggested slate of officers and board members for 2005 will be distributed at the October meeting. We need a membership chairperson next year. Angie Peterson has done an excellent job for us this year. The position involves maintaining a current roster of members; preparing name tags that members pick up as they enter the meeting; signing up guests and new members; introducing guests and new members to the club at each meeting; making sure any new member who signs up before the end of the meeting gets a free orchid; and forwarding to Dave Riches the email and home addresses of new members for newsletter Delivery.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETING:

Alexis Pardo will discuss Venezuelan orchids. He will provide the plant table. Plants can be ordered in advance directly from him by email after October 12. (www.orquiven@cantv.net). Photos and price lists of his plants can be found on his webpage: www.orquiven.com.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The SCVOS Christmas Party will be held at the Blue Pheasant on Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be \$25.00 for members and will be available at the November meeting. If you would like to purchase tickets earlier, send your money to Cathi Contreras at 1540 Santa Inez Dr. San Jose, 95125.

AUCTION UPDATE

The SCVOS Auction was a very successful event. Members who sold plants got to turn extra plants into cash. Those who bought plants got many bargains to enhance their collections. The auctioneers gave very pertinent information about each plant – an orchid education in and of itself. And the SCVOS treasury got a \$660 boost since 25 percent of each plant's selling price is retained by the club.

NEW!! SKILLS SESSIONS

Many members have requested more skills sessions, the 'how to' of growing orchids. Kristina Bell is arranging for skills sessions to be held during the refreshment breaks at our monthly meetings. So grab your refreshments and sit down up front if you want to attend the skills session. October's session will be on orchid mixes, presented by resident expert Bud Segraves.

ORCHID LEXICON

The Orchid Lexicon books will again be available at the next meeting. The price is \$8.00.

CALLING ALL ESL MEMBERS

A wonderful characteristic of SCVOS is our mix of members from different ethnic groups who speak one or more languages other than English.

We need your help if English is your second language (ESL); or to put it another way, if you speak one or more languages in addition to English. Your board of directors has noted at our previous annual orchid shows the increase in people attending and buying plants who are more fluent in a language other than English.

Next year, our President, Jim Griffin, has taken on the job of improving our annual orchid show's publicity among ethnic newspapers. We would like to augment our sales staff at next year's show by adding, and specifically identifying, individuals who speak other languages.

If you speak a language in addition to English and you would like to help us by using your extra language skills at next year's SCVOS Orchid Show, please email Jim Griffin at griffjim@aol.com or you may call him at (408) 395-3888.

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS & SALES

SFOS ORCHIDFEST:

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 2 & 3; 10 AM - 5 PM.
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
or call (415) 665-2468.

DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW:

Pleasant Hill Community Ctr., 320 Civic Dr.,
Pleasant hill, CA
Sat., Oct. 16: 9 – 5 &
Sun., Oct. 17: 10 – 4



SHOW AND TELL

New Procedures

NEW SHOW & TELL ARRANGEMENT

Our monthly meetings begin with members showing and telling something about their orchids in bloom. The number of plants brought in each month has been increasing so that they now fill three tables in front—that's good. But when members tell about each plant they brought in, then the meetings are lasting too long—that's bad.

IN THE FUTURE: Bring all the plants you want to show that you have in bloom, but tell about only three of them. This may hereafter be referred to as **The Rule of Three.**

NEW (OLD) SHOW—BUT DON'T TELL

Once upon a time, many years ago, in a land far, far away, SCVOS members would bring in their plants in bloom for Show and Tell and an expert grower, often the speaker, would hold up each plant and tell something of interest about the plant. Then, for reasons we can't remember, we stopped doing that.

IN THE FUTURE: The center table will be reserved for SCVOS member plants in bloom that you would like an expert to talk about. So you can bring in your plant, put it on the center table in front, fill out a card with your name and plant information on it, and sit back and let an expert tell the audience something about your plant.



NEXT BOARD MEETING

The 3rd Wednesday of October (Oct. 20). The meeting will be held at Dave Riches' house, 1451 Husted Ave., San Jose, 95125 at 7:30 PM. All members are welcome. Please give Dave a call (445-0388) if you plan to attend.



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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