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# Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

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## August 2006 SCVOS Newsletter

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### Speaker Notes and News

August is a month without a holiday, which is sad. Happily, your SCVOS has something to say about that and so instead we're having the Annual Auction! The auction will be hosted by our own **Jeff Trimble** and a **special mystery guest**...I wonder who it might be?? The auction is a wonderful opportunity to purchase great plants for next-to-nothing, so if your greenhouse is looking a little empty, come by to fill it up. **Ed Nazzal** is the auction chair, and he assures that that this year will offer a bumper crop of nice divisions and seedlings donated by our society members. Every year a number of plants at the monthly show and tell table and at the Annual Show come notably from purchases at the auction. It is an experience that offers something for everyone; remember that your support of the auction and other society events makes sure that we have an excellent lineup of speakers, activities, and plants for next year.

As if that weren't enough, the **Annual Bus Tour** departs for south-of-Santa Cruz on the 12<sup>th</sup>; if you didn't sign up yet, it is unfortunately too late! Congratulations to **Sylvia Grossman** for her expert organization of the event, which has reached its capacity. Sylvia somehow managed to get Andy Matsui to waive the normal \$300 minimum, so those folks lucky enough to get on the tour will have the opportunity to purchase retail plants at wholesale prices at [Matsui Orchids](#), which supplies "big box" stores like Home Depot and Trader Joe's. In addition to Matsui's, the bus will visit Bay Breeze Orchids and Maplethorpe Orchids with a lunch stop at Pessagno Vinyards. Sylvia asked me to remind you: Bring a credit card, a box for your countless orchid purchases and a brown bag lunch and arrive at the parking lot no later than **8:15 a.m.** For more information, please see the flier attached at the end of the newsletter, or give Sylvia a call at (408) 266-6922.



Wow!! Another new phrag species, this one **Phrag, andreettae**, described by Phil Cribb and Franco Puplin, native to Ecuador. In October, Ivan Portilla from [Ecuagenera](#) will speak, and hopefully will be able to bring some phrags.

With the summer upon us and the heat forcing you out of your greenhouse and into the air-conditioned comfort of your home (or car), August can be a great month to consider new types of orchids to learn and grow. If you're interested in a type of plant with which you are unfamiliar, try some of the following learning strategies:

- Grow at least five plants of the new genus.
- Read five articles about a new genus.
- Present a blooming plant of the genus at Show and Tell.
- Research information about the new genus for at least five hours; check out the SCVOS library for help!!

Remember that only you can learn new stuff...the learning experience is, after all, why we all grow orchids. If you have ways that help you learn share some of those tactics with others, or with [me](#) and I'll make sure to include them in the newsletter.

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Also, please remember to wear your name badge that Kristina and Marvin Bell thoughtfully made for you so newer members and guests feel more comfortable and welcome knowing your name.

### New Members

Welcome to the following new (or renewed) members for 2006: Josephine Elizaga, Eric Marko, Mike Switzer, Share Dains.



Refreshments Announcement: Marie Lofton and Tanya Lam are scheduled to bring refreshments this month. Thanks for volunteering!

### Members' Plant Sales

All plants brought for sale by members must be properly labeled, disease free, and priced in even dollar amounts. Ten percent of the sale price goes to the club treasurer, Dave Riches, before you leave. We rely on the honor system.

### Future Speakers

Sept: Eric Christenson

Eric Christenson was associated with the Marie Selby Gardens in Florida recently, but he is now a "freelance" plant biologist trying to bridge the gap between taxonomy and horticulture. Eric will speak on growing and mericlone Phals; please drop by for his excellent presentation.

### Other News

If you are not getting your newsletter via email, please be sure to give your currently correct address to Ed Nazzal, [paphman@gmail.com](mailto:paphman@gmail.com).

Greenhouse for sale! Five years old, great condition. 10' x 12', redwood and twin-wall, fully automatic, all systems included. Has swamp cooler, misting system, heating system, timing units, vented ceiling, lights, shade cloth, brick floor. Photos available. Asking \$2500 or best offer. Contact Susan Valenta (925) 989-0289 cell or [susanvalenta@earthlink.net](mailto:susanvalenta@earthlink.net).

Kristina got the following message and asked me to ask you:

A number of years ago c. '80's, Stewart's Orchids released clones of *C. aurantiaca* var. *alba* 'White Magic' FCC/AOS. I am trying to track down a division of this clone and it appears to be mostly lost in cultivation. I am contacting various orchid societies in California in hopes some of their member may still have this plant in their collections and perhaps an extra division for sale or trade. If you would be so kind as to forward my inquiry to your membership I would be most grateful.

Lester Poole, Denver, NC  
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Lester should know that *Cattleya aurantiaca* var. *alba* 'White Magic' FCC/AOS is actually a *C. x guatemalensis*, the natural hybrid of *C. aurantiaca* and *C. skinneri*. Here's a picture (not too good) from Jay Pfahl's [Internet Orchid Encyclopedia](#):



Because some people have been asking, yes in fact I do make the color combination and the letterhead image based on some cattleya I've been impressed with lately. Previous "winners" have included such plants as *Cattleya trianaei* v. *semi-alba*, Bc. Bouton D'Or 'Lewis' AM/AOS, Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle' FCC/AOS and Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Orange Glow' HCC/AOS. This month features a beautiful cross of *Laelia purpurata* type *stricta* with *L. purpurata* type *lineata* exhibited by **Ken Matheson** at the Oakland AOS Judging on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Although the entry did not garner an award, the flower was spectacular and quite noteworthy; congrats on such a beautiful bloom Ken!!

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## Messages from the President

**Save The Dates:** More details will follow, but please save the following date of **December 9** for our Holiday Party.

## Recent and Upcoming Events

Not much has been going on lately; the East Coast orchid societies usually shut down in July and August because of the heat, and it sure seems like that's been the case with plants around here. The last few hot days have taxed anything in bloom pretty heavily, unless of course you're thinking of corn and tomatoes instead of orchids as you should be! However, **the website has been changed**, so I suppose that makes for some pretty important news in the scope of our society. In addition to being your newsletter editor, I also happen to know some HTML and JavaScript and have built a platform upon which to display the goings on in our society. Included in the pages are images of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show (with many of your orchids on display) and some pictures of plants in peoples' personal collections or in the collections of nurseries they've been to and by which they were impressed. **Bruce Davidson** has promised some pictures from the Holiday Inn Show and Sale in June, and hopefully **Eanghak** and **other people** will take some pictures during the Bus Tour to show orchid people doing what they do best: buying orchids!! We will also feature pictures of people and their plants at monthly Show and Tell sessions in upcoming months, so that others have a better idea of why we all get together for orchids. Please have a look at the site, located at:

<http://www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org>

and let **me** and the rest of the board know what you think. Please, if you have digital pictures (or even regular pictures) and would like them included in the written archival history of the society, email me and let me know. Suggestions and comments are quite welcome, as the website represents your orchid society. Thanks very much to **Tanya Zook** for taking care of the website for the last several years, and **Brian Barry** prior to that.

**D & D Flowers** Fall Open House will occur on September 23rd and 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Half Moon Bay. New for this sale will be offerings from the Kajikawa and Ayers Cymbidium Collections, as well as the usual great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. Please bring your own boxes. Really good deals...priced to sell for cash or checks, but no credit cards.

Please note that **D & D Flowers Greenhouse** is open to the public only during their Spring and Fall Open Houses.

The greenhouse is located 1/3 mile east of Main Street on Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Village is a house and wood pile yard. Turn onto the street between the house and the wood pile yard and go over the bridge. The greenhouse is on the right. If you have questions or need directions please call Dennis Olivas at (925) 060-1246. We currently do not have a list of what there is available but there are thousands of plants priced from \$5 and up.

## Upcoming Events

**Aug 12:** **SCVOS** Annual Greenhouse Tour: Visit **Matsui Orchids**, **Baybreeze Orchids**, and **Maplethorpe Orchids** on a wonderful trip to Santa Cruz and beyond; lunch at the award-winning Pessagno Vineyards! **See Flier Below!**  
Contact: Sylvia Grossman  
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**Sep 23-24:** **D & D Flowers** Annual Open House, 1/3 Mile off Rte. 92 in Spanish Village.  
Contact: Dennis Olivas  
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## Board Meeting

The August board meeting will be held at the home of Tom Bailey beginning at 7:30 PM. For further information and **directions**, please contact Tom Bailey by phone at (408) 997-1850 or by email at [thydebailey@yahoo.com](mailto:thydebailey@yahoo.com) so that a chair may be set up for you.

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## 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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## Some Orchids from the Raymond Burr Estate



In honor of the current heat wave,  
**Lc. Tropic Torch 'Sea God'**

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## Recent AOS Awards

From the [AOS Pacific Central Judging Center](#)  
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*Dendrobium brymerianum* 'Solana Sunrise'  
species  
CCM 84  
Awarded July 18 2006 at OSC Meeting  
Exhibited by Cynthia Hill



*Cattleya warszewiczii* var. *coerulea* 'MaryAnne'  
species  
AM 80  
Awarded July 5 2006 at SFOS Meeting  
Exhibited by Stephen Christopherson



*Epipactis helleborine* 'Jinny'  
species  
CBR  
Awarded July 5 2006 at SFOS Meeting  
Exhibited by Will Tait

AOS Judging occurs on the first Tuesday of the month at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park in association with the SFOS meeting, and on the third Wednesday of the month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center in Oakland in association with the OSC meeting.

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**Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society**  
2006 Annual Bus Tour

**The Santa Cruz Coast**

*Sold Out!!*



Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 5:15 pm

Come join us in this annual event where members tour several commercial greenhouses. Plants are available for purchase, and most greenhouses feature specials for SCVOS members. See rare and unusual orchids and purchase plants at great prices. This year's tour includes a wine tasting at the award-winning [Pessagno Vineyards](#). Bring your lunch and a beverage of choice (wine tasting is included).

Schedule

- Assemble 8:30 in the Light Rail parking lot on Minnesota.
- **Matsui Nursery**; Browse 70 acres of greenhouses at this renowned wholesaler.  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- **Pessagno Vineyards**; Bring a brown bag lunch; picnic tables will be available on the picturesque grounds. A wine tasting is included.  
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.
- **Bay Breeze Nursery**; Browse and buy at discount prices: 5 greenhouses.  
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- **Maplethorpe Nurseries**; Special discounts for SCVOS members.  
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- Return to the Light Rail parking lot at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.

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Come join in the fun. The previous two bus tours were an absolute blast.

Send checks (payable to SCVOS) to:  
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