



# San Fernando Valley Orchid Society Newsletter

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Wednesday of the  
month @ 6:45pm

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ted by the 15th of each  
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## Our June Speaker: **Dexter Friede** Grow More

When we grow our orchids we always consider appropriate light, humidity, moss or bark, and seasonal food. To help us do an even better job, Mr. Dexter Friede will help us choose the most appropriate food. Feeding your Orchids properly gives you quality plants with beautiful blooms. I am sure we will all have lots of questions for Mr. Friede.



## Save the Date! **SFVOS Installation Banquet** **August 7, 2013**

We are currently planning our Installation Banquet and the site and activities for the event are being considered. Each Membership will receive an Orchid plant and we will have a drawing for assorted gift certificates. It's always a fun time so mark your calendars, and plan to celebrate with your Society.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
ELEVENTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKERS' DAY!!  
"WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS"**

**Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California**

**Saturday, June 8, 2013 -12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Ahmanson Classroom**

**FEATURING**

**All Genera Flower Display - Orchid Sales- Expert Lectures - Dinner  
Preparation and Set up at 9:30am and AOS Judging at 10:00am**

**Opens at 11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the flower display**

**Prize for best species and best hybrid,**

**Lecturers: Thomas Mirenda (Virginia), Ron Kaufmann (San Diego),**

**Paul Tuskes(San Diego), Mario Ferrusi (Toronto)**

**Dinner Speaker: Alec Pridgeon (Florida)**

**VENDORS: Cal Orchids; Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids**

**Tickets: \$60 (\$75 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour and**

**Dinner and Evening Entertainment**

**Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740**

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**Limited Space!! Make Your Reservations Now!**

**REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments for the May meeting will be provided by members whose last names start with "M" through "N". Healthy snacks are refreshing as well as sweet treats. Of course, all members may also contribute at any meeting. Thank you.

Marie Feola and Juana Williams



# **THE SFVOS NEEDS YOU!**

## **Elections scheduled for the June Meeting**

At the next SFVOS Board meeting we are tasked with selecting members to run for the various offices in our society. Officers and Directors, of course, may be men or women.

We welcome input from the gentlemen as well as the ladies in our society. Being a Director might be a comfortable way to get started.

The SFVOS Board meets at 7:00 pm the Wednesday before the regular monthly meeting at the home of David and Marcia Melcombe in Northridge.

Our Board members are a hard working group, but we have fun too! When we plan the activities for our society, we all offer ideas and suggestions. We ask questions and discuss all options, until we arrive at a solution that is agreeable to all.

If you would like to run for office and participate in planning your society's activities for the next year, please let us know as soon as possible. Please contact a Board member so your name can be placed on the ballot for the June election.

If you have questions about the election process, or to inquire about any job you might be interested in doing, please call Millie Peskay (805) 532-0080.

## **Speakers Wanted**

Speakers for our monthly meetings are always needed. If you know of an Orchid Expert that you particularly like, let us know and we will contact them and invite them to give a presentation to our Society. The general rate for speakers seems to be around \$200.00 per presentation plus the plants for the P.O.T. Please contact Millie Peskay if you have information on Orchid Experts that are available to speak to our group.

## **Membership Renewal**

(Dues are \$25.00 Cash or Check)

Your San Fernando Valley Orchid Society membership dues are paid for the entire year at the June meeting. Please see our Membership Chairperson, Marcia Melcombe. You may also mail your check to Millie Peskay at 11175 Broadview Drive, Moorpark, CA 93021



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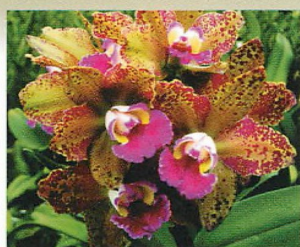
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## **The Many Benefits of SFVOS Membership**

Come together with your fellow orchid enthusiasts and swap ideas. We make long lasting friends and learn from each other.

Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices at our annual Auction and at our monthly meetings at the P.O.T.

Learn all about Orchids: Collecting, Growing, Repotting and Pest control from the speaker's presentations at our monthly meetings.

Receive a FREE Orchid, courtesy of the Board at the Annual Installation Banquet

Win ribbon awards for your own orchids when you bring them to our meetings.

Receive a FREE orchid, courtesy of the Board at the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner.

Listen and ask questions of local, national and international recognized orchid experts, learn their techniques, see their photographs and watch their presentations.

We are a great group of friendly people,  
sharing our knowledge and love of Orchids.

## **Kodak Carousel Projector**

We have a Kodak Carousel Projector that is in good condition. It has automatic focus for 35mm slides but it has lost its lens. The model number of ours is 7608.

The picture below is similar but not the exact one we have.



If any member is interested or wants more information, please call Kent Lovelady at (818) 360-6587 or Millie Peskay at (805) 532-0080.

## ORCHID JUDGING

**May 1, 2013**

**Judged by Barbara Johnston and Falguni Trieu**

<b>Division</b>		<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>
<b>Cattleya Alliance</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Alc. Village Chief Parfum</b>	<b>Barbara Johnston</b>
<b>Cattleya Alliance</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Tropical Beauty</b>	<b>K&amp;M Lovelady</b>
<b>Cymbidium</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Yellow/Green (Unknown)</b>	<b>Marie Feola</b>
<b>Epidendrum &amp; Encyclia</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Enc. Diota</b>	<b>Robert Feld</b>
<b>Epidendrum &amp; Encyclia</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Ed Sarraffian</b>
<b>Oncidium &amp; Odontia Miltonia Alliance</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Celermavova Catatante</b>	<b>Earl Felt</b>
<b>Oncidium &amp; Odontia Miltonia Alliance</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Ed Sarraffian</b>
<b>Phalaenopsis Alliance</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Dtps. Suff Soup</b>	<b>Robert Feld</b>
<b>Large Species Flower</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Ansellia Africana</b>	<b>K&amp;M Lovelady</b>
<b>Large Species Flower</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Bulbo Enchinalabum</b>	<b>K&amp;M Lovelady</b>
<b>Vanda</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Ascf. Cherry Bloom "Carmela"</b>	<b>Barbara Johnston</b>
<b>Vanda</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Cherry Blossom</b>	<b>K&amp;M Lovelady</b>

## AOS Monthly Checklist for May and June



*Paphiopedilum Maudiae* is a perennial favorite slipper orchid.

*Cattleya purpurata*, formerly in the genus *Laelia*, is without a doubt one of the most stately orchids to bloom in this season.

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### **Cattleya**

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.



## **Paphiopedilum**

The *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum fairrieanum*-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

## **Phalaenopsis**

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

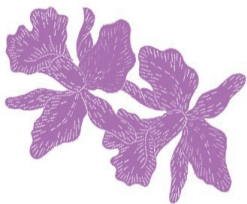
*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*



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## Announcements

**Please bring plants or anything else you care to donate. If you have extra fruit (oranges or the like) bag them in small quantities, so we can sell each bag for a dollar. Thank you for supporting your Orchid Society.**



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