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Next Meeting is on Thursday, January 12th, 7:30pm -10:00pm

Contra Costa Water District Building Board Room
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA
Fred Clarke Talking About Catasetums

Catasetum Black Knight

Photo: N. Doe

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 22 of those years. With over 24 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophylum and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received five FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging! Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Plant Table will be provided by Fred Clarke

Speaker's Dinner before the meeting is at 5:30 pm at China Lounge (Sichuan Fortune House), 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. Please notify Eileen Jackson 707.853.3963 and leave a message if she does not pick up.

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