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Next Meeting is on Thursday, September 17th, 7:30 pm -10:00pm

**Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive - in the McHale Room**

Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids



Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's.

Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college, he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding.

Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest and the American Orchid Society magazines. He has also been published in the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference.

He is an internationally known speaker. Alan is the past member of the AOS Judging Committee and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is the Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Plant Table will be provided by DVOS

Speaker's Dinner before our next 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 before the meeting. If you can join us, please contact Yunor Peralta at mmmper@yahoo.com to be included in the reservation. Find tel # in the roster.