

“Growing with Diatomite and Plant Culture”

Diatomite has remarkable properties; here its use as a potting mix is explained. Also a new twist on plant culture is reviewed; learn some key techniques to succeed in growing your orchids to their maximum potential. A PowerPoint presentation.

Bio for above talk:

Diatomite what is it? Learn about this remarkable potting media additive and how to use it growing your orchids. In addition, Orchid plant culture is explained and techniques on how to maximize growth and flowering are reviewed. Learn how to become an 80 percentile grower. This is a PowerPoint presentation.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 20 of those years. With over 23 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 Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

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 seven FCC’s and four 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.

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