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Club Calendar

November General Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2022 starting at 6:30 pm at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room, 3290 N. Ad Art Road, Stockton. The November meeting is the Annual Meeting where we vote in the new slate of officers for 2023-24. Be sure to come and vote!

The **Christmas Dinner** will be Sunday in December 4 at Angelina's Spaghetti House on Fremont St. Stockton 5 pm social hour, 6 pm. dinner. The price is \$38.50 per person, which includes gratuity, tax, cake, and the raffle plant. What a deal!
New officers for 2023/24 will be sworn in.

Catasetinae plant culture

As we can tell, the weather is changing and your Catasetinae should now be in their final stages of growth. This was an excellent year for Catasetinae; many growers from around the country reported a fantastic flowering season.

The first signs of dormancy will soon be evident, with some areas of the country already seeing the start of the dormancy. Soon, it will be time to stop fertilizing and begin to decrease irrigation frequency.

In nature three important changes are occurring: 1) the rainy season is nearing its end with less frequent rain, 2) nights and days are cooler and 3) day length is shortening. These are the environmental factors that start the dormancy process.

With less rain fall fewer nutrients are moved to the root system (thus stop fertilizing) and the roots stay dryer longer (thus

reduce irrigation frequency). This increasing dryness between irrigations is an indicator to the plant to harden off their pseudobulbs in preparation for the 2-4 month winter dry period. Hardened off bulbs are better at storing water through dormancy.

Humidity should be maintained at 40-60% however brief periods outside this range is not a problem. Maintain light levels and keep night temperatures at or above 55 degrees.

No re-potting at this time, the roots are well-developed and will resent being disturbed. If you were negligent, it is better to wait until next spring.

One of the great attributes of the Catasetinae is their deciduous nature. If you experienced some leaf damage this summer don't worry those leaves are going to drop off soon and next spring your plant will grow a new set. How many orchids are that forgiving when the leaves are damaged?

This is my favorite time of year, as walking through the greenhouses it looks like almost everything is blooming! There are *Catasetums* in flower, the *Cynoches* are blooming, and the first of the *Mormodes* are in spike! But there is still more to look forward to as the blooming season for *Clowesia rosea* hybrids begins in December and January.

If you haven't done so, please post your pictures to the Facebook group page: *Catasetum Fever*:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/Catasetinae.Fever/?ref=br_rs

Good growing,
Fred Clarke and Carlos Lopez
Sunset Valley Orchids Inc.



Show & Tell Photos

Please email photos as attachments, and name photo files so they can be identified by plant and contributor. Include the entire plant botanical name and any pertinent growing information in the text of the email. Email to heidiano@gmail.com. Deadline for the November Newsletter is TUESDAY, November 22, 2022.

Potinara (Pot.) Husky Boy
'Michael' by Pat Saculla





Perreiraara Motes Leprechaun by Pat Saculla