

# Fred Clarke

## Sunset Valley Orchids

### “Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower”

Learn about the fundamentals of growing orchids and explore some advanced techniques. 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 40 years and has been hybridizing for 35 of those years. With over 31 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” and received over 90 awards worldwide.

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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