



# Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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March 2002

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## Program: “Seven Ways to Kill an Orchid” Nick Burnett

### Meeting Date, Time and Location

**When: Thursday, Mar. 14, 2002**

**Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM (No Culture Session)**

**Where:** Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium  
1331 Concord Ave., Concord

**Dinner with Nick Burnett:** 5:30 PM @ Spring Garden Restaurant  
785 Oakgrove Rd., Concord

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## Upcoming Events: (topics in parenthesis)

### March

- 14 General meeting  
Speaker: Nick Burnett  
(Seven ways to kill an orchid)
- 21 Board Meeting @ Barbara Tague's

### April

- 11 General meeting  
AUCTION CANCELLED  
(Speaker to be announced)

### June

- 13 General meeting  
Speaker: Matt Swift (Tolumnias)

### September - DVOS BBQ. Tentative dates:

- August 24
- September 7

### October

- 10 General meeting  
Speaker: Dr. Joanne Whitney  
(How did it get that name?)

### December

- 12 General meeting  
DVOS Holiday Party

## Message from the President

Well, we made it through another orchid show at Fort Mason. Unfortunately, this year "Captain Ron" was under the weather, but still came on set-up day to supervise. Parky Parkison, a new participant, took over assembling the exhibit with the help of the others.

Our show group is like a pro football team. We are mostly all veterans except for a couple of 'Rookies' ~ Parky & Brenda. It was like playing the Orchid Show Super BOWL. Our veterans performed to their capacity and you could not tell who the rookies were. Put that together and you win all the awards. And that's exactly what DVOS did.

We received congratulations by the Paph House - Fred & Francisco, the Fordyce's, a lady from the Marin Society and a guy from Golden Gate Orchids. There were a few more congrats, but not sure who they were. It made me proud to be a member and President of Diablo View Orchid Society.

Thanks to Ron and the crew for a very successful year!

David Tomassini

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## Be a Trendsetter!!

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Simply e-mail me at DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM and say "I want to receive the newsletter via e-mail!" That's all there is to it. Thanks much,

Mark, your humble editor

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*S.F. Show* - Ron Bettencourt

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# AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards  
Pacific Central Supplemental Center  
San Francisco, CA  
2/5/02

Name of plant: Phrag Living Fire  
Clonal Name: 'Thanks Dick'  
Parentage: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice x Phrag.  
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Award: HCC 75  
Exhibitor: Pleasant Valley Orchids

Name of plant: Paph. unnamed  
Clonal Name: 'Nightshade'  
Parentage: Paph. Tuxedo Junction x Paph. Red  
Maude  
Award: HCC 78 (PROV)  
Exhibitor: Terry and Margaret Boomer

- Kathy Barrett

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## Refreshment Room

Last month's refreshment table was an excellent one. Many thanks to all that made it possible. This will be a challenge to those who signed up for March:

**Dennis Olivas, Alice Tomassini, Bernice Lindner, Shirley Kerr, Mercedes Bell, and Steve Klitzing.**

The beverages will be provided by: **Catherine Gardner, Susan Fetter and James Clements.**  
The Society is very appreciative of your generosity.

Linda Castleton  
Antonieta Bofill

# This Month's Speaker Nick Burnett

This month we have Nick Burnett from Sonoma Orchid Society speaking on "Seven ways to kill an orchid." Nick Burnett is an AOS Judge...but that should not prevent you from attending his talk! Nick is a Professor of Communication Studies at CSU-Sacramento and has been growing (and killing) orchids for twelve years.

At this point, what remains of his collection are phragmipedium species and hybrids, paphiopedilums, bulbophyllums, and an assortment of other orchid species and hybrids that can truly said to be battle tested and resistant to a wide variety of abuse. He promises a talk that will help us learn from our mistakes in addition to covering basic cultural issues and buying the right orchids for you.

Hope you can join us!  
Charlotte

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## Have Dinner with the Speaker!

Come join us for dinner prior to the March meeting. Hear inside tips and stories from our speaker Nick Burnett. Dinner reservations are for 5:30 PM at Gary's Spring Garden Restaurant, 785 Oak Grove Rd. at the corner of Oak Grove and Treat Blvd. in Concord. Gary puts on a nice family style dinner for all who attend. If you get lost, the phone number for the restaurant is 925-827-1900. Cost is \$15/person and includes tax and tip, drinks are an additional cost. Please RSVP to [dvosnews@attbi.com](mailto:dvosnews@attbi.com) or leave a message at 925-833-0840 by 3/12/02. If you don't RSVP, but find you can come to dinner at the last minute, please join us. We can always accommodate a few extra people. Hope to see you there.

Charlotte

## Last Month's Presentation

In February, Rob Terry shared his techniques for successfully growing Phragmipediums. Everyone wanted his 'recipe' for what he calls 'Baby Mix'. This is the media he uses for seedling phrags. and plants that have lost all their roots. Rob says rootless plants will have roots in 6 months in this mix. The mix was created by Terry Root of the Orchid Zone. Well here it is:

### BABY MIX

5 parts fine fir bark  
2 parts coir (the shredded coconut that look like peat moss when soaked)  
1 part small perlite  
1 part shredded rock wool (optional\*)  
1 part charcoal

All ingredients should consist of pieces ranging in size from 1/8" to 1/4". You will want to soak and rinse the coir at least 3 times to remove the salts. Each ingredient is washed before adding to the mix. Mix all ingredients then sterilize in the oven to kill any pests in the media. Do this by placing the damp media in an aluminum roasting pan at 350°F for 35 min.. Then turn off the oven and do not open the door until the oven is cool. You can just leave it over night.

\*Terry no longer adds this to his mix as it is too difficult to get his employees to properly pack rockwool into the pots. If you pack the wool too tightly, the roots will rot.

As a preventative against fungus, Rob sprays the leaves of seedlings with Zyban™. In his experience this is the best fungicide. Some sources of Zyban are Romeo Packing Co. in Half Moon Bay, OFE in Florida, Purity Products in Santa Rosa and companies in Iowa. Some of these places may also have coir. Other sources of coir are Nathalie Smith a fellow DVOS member, Jerry Rodderer of 'Jerry's Grow'® in Santa Clara, and Tom

McConkey of Answer Garden Products Ltd. in British Columbia. Addresses can be found in the DVOS roster or the internet.

Rob plants adult phrags. in the Orchid Zone Mix which is the following:

### ORCHID ZONE MIX

6 parts lava rock  
2 parts coir  
2 parts charcoal

The ingredients should have pieces that range in size from 1/4" to 3/8". This is referred to as '3/8 minus', which means the particle size is 3/8" or smaller. Wash the ingredients, then combine and sterilize as for the 'Baby Mix'.

Rob uses the Orchid Zone Mix for Phrag.s, Paph.s and Catt.s.

That's all the room I have here. If you want more details, you'll have to wait for the next time Rob comes to our society ;o)

Charlotte

DISCLAIMER:. DVOS presents these views as a service to share information. Growing conditions will vary, so you may not get the same results. You should exercise appropriate discretion and consider your conditions and level of expertise before deciding whether or not to try these tips. Also evaluate and test the recommendations on sample plants and judge the results for yourself before trying the tips on a larger scale.



*Dendrochilum latifolium* owned by Dick Emory.  
First place in DVOS competition

# Results from the DVOS Competition

1st Place

**Dick Emory**

*Dendrochilum latifolium*

2nd Place

**Parky Parkison**

Un-named cattleya hybrid *Blc. George King x*  
(*Blc. Apertif x Destiny*)

3rd Place

**Renate Johnson**

Un-named cattleya hybrid *Blc Rueben's Verde x*  
*Lc. Lime Frost*

Look What I Bloomed For the First Time

**Juan Bofill**

*Pot. David Tomassini*

Lancer Smith Award

Sorry, I didn't get a pic of the Lancer Smith Medalion winner. I'm not sure one was awarded. If I'm wrong please tell the newsletter editor (Mark Rotter) so we can give you proper credit!!

Kathy Barrett



*Pot. David Tomassini* owned by *Juan Bofill*.  
*Look What I Bloomed for the First Time Award*  
*in DVOS competition.*



*Cattleya* hybrid *Blc. George King x* (*Blc. Apertif x*  
*Destiny*) owned by *Parky Parkison*. *Second*  
*place in DVOS competition*



*Cattleya* hybrid *Blc Rueben's Verde x Lc. Lime*  
*Frost* owned by *Renate Johnson*. *Third place in*  
*DVOS competition*

## Culture Corner

I want to give a big thank you to Kathy Barrett for showing us how to prepare plants for show. Some highlights include removing all artificial paraphernalia from the plant, like wire stakes, etc. You'll want to trim unsightly leaves and cut in a shape somewhat similar to the natural shape of the plant so that the cuts are not as obvious. Remove any pests that may be on your plant. This may require advance treatments with pesticides. You can also clean the leaves with milk or dilute mayonnaise. Considering we had a bevy of ribbons at our San Francisco show display, it seems everyone did well with their plant grooming. Congrats to everyone.

- Charlotte Leong

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## AOS Awards - S.F. Show

Name of plant: Onc. Monacranthum  
Clonal Name: "Golden Gate"  
Parentage: Onc. macranthum x Onc. monachicum  
Award: HCC 79  
Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

Name of plant: Masd. Highland Monarch  
Clonal Name: 'Sheila'  
Parentage: Masd. Monarch x Masd. Highland Fling  
Award: AM 80  
Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

Name of plant: Onc. triumphans  
Clonal Name: 'Golden Gate'  
Parentage: species  
Award: AM 80 (prov)  
Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

Name of plant: Bulb. odoratissimum  
Clonal Name: 'Little Pom-pom'  
Parentage: species  
Award: CHM 83 (prov)  
Exhibitor: Dennis Westler

Name of plant: Masd. Kimballiana  
Clonal Name: 'Sang Pil'  
Parentage: Masd. caudata x veitchiana  
Award: CCM 83  
Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

Name of plant: Epi. polybulbon  
Clonal Name: 'Kyung Sook'  
Parentage: species  
Award: HCC 77  
Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

Name of plant: Masd. Monarch  
Clonal Name: 'Sunset Gold'  
Parentage: Masd. macurua x Masd. veitchiana  
Award: HCC 77  
Exhibitor: Sunset Orchids

Name of plant: Paph. Tanja Pinkepank  
Clonal Name: 'Michelle'  
Parentage: Paph. micranthum x Paph. fairrieanum  
Award: HCC 79  
Exhibitor: The Orchid House

Name of plant: Dracula vampira  
Clonal Name: 'Jody'  
Parentage: species  
Award: AM 87  
Exhibitor: John Leathers

Name of plant: Phrag. Elizabeth Castle  
Clonal Name: 'Hyo Sook'  
Parentage: Phrag. Memoria Dick Clemens x Phrag.  
Hanne Popow  
Award: AM 81  
Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

Name of plant: Prom. latiginosa  
Clonal Name: 'Pololei Wonder'  
Parentage: species  
Award: CHM 85 (prov)  
Exhibitor: Haiku Maui Orchids

- Kathy Barrett

## DVOS Cleans Up at the S.F. Orchid Show!

What follows is a list of some of the awards the members of DVOS took home after the SF Orchid Exposition:

Awards won by DVOS:

**FIRST PLACE** - Best Exhibit by a Visiting Orchid Society

**AOS BRONZE TROPHY** - Most Outstanding Orchid Exhibit

**BEST EXHIBIT ILLUSTRATING SHOW THEME**

**ORCHID DIGEST TROPHY** - Best Display by a Non-Commercial Grower

**The following individuals received special show ribbons:**

**Nancy Pak** - Best Plant of Other Genus (Class 1)  
For: Rhy. gigantea

**Jeannette & Tom Bean** - Best Dendrobium Shown by a Novice  
For: Den. Snow Magic Yukinko

**Dan West** - (received two ribbons on the same plant)  
Best Plant Shown by a Novice Exhibitor  
Best Cattleya Alliance  
for: Cattleya amethystoglossa

**David Tomassini** - Best Oncidium Alliance Intermediate Exhibitor  
For: Milt. Augres 'Trinity' AM/RHS

**David Tomassini** - Best Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Shown by Intermediate Exhibitor  
For: Paph. Insigne

**Bob Van Galder** - Best Oncidium Species submitted by a Novice Exhibitor  
for: v Oncidium splendidum

**Bernice Lindner** - Best Cattleya Alliance submitted by an Advanced Exhibitor  
for: Blc. cantaloupe



*The Beans show their award-winning Dendrobium from the S.F. show*



*The DVOS display at the SF Orchid show*

*And the happy crew that produced it*







*Bernice Lindner with her award-winning Cattleya from the SF orchid show*

*Dave Tomassini shows off one of his two award-winning plants from the SF orchid show.. Here he has the Paph.*



*Dan West with his double-award-winning Cattleya from the SF orchid show..*

**Livermore**

\*The Orchid Ranch\*;  
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659  
Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis  
Tonkins Orchids - Paphiodeilums

**Oakland**

\*Orchids Fiori D'Amore\*  
Paolo & Nina DiCandia  
510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

**Hawaii**

\*Yamada's Orchid Nursery\*  
Allen Yamada  
5087-A Kawaihau Rd.  
Kapaa, HI 96746

**Yuba City**

\*Orchid Obsession\*  
Brent & Toni Cushenbery  
1477 Oswald Rd., Yuba City, CA 95993  
916-673-6763

**Walnut Creek**

\*Orchid Gallery\*  
Jing Ho  
1501 N. California Blvd.

**Martinez**

\*MGM Orchids\*  
Mariano G Morales  
718 Main Street  
Martinez, CA. 94553

**San Leandro**

\*The Paph House\*  
Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan  
375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA  
510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

**Concord**

\*San Miguel Greenhouses\*  
Pamela Leaver  
936 San Miguel Rd.  
925-798-0476 (by appt. only)

**Concord**

Nathalie Smith  
1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904  
(by appt. only); orchid supplies

**Danville**

\*Commercial Plant Services\*  
David & Alice Tomassini  
3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630

**Half Moon Bay**

\*D & D Flowers\*  
Dennis Olivas; 62 Oceanside Dr.  
650-994-7465 (call in advance)

**Australia**

\*Adelaide Orchids\*  
Stephen and Robin Monkhouse  
16 Pine Road  
Woodcroft, South Australia 5162



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