

**Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.**  
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**Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Board Room, Contra Costa Water District Offices, 1330 Concord Avenue, Concord

5:30pm Dinner with the Speaker

7:30pm Meeting Comes to Order

~8:30 Speaker's Presentation

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Jim Hamilton & Ron Ehlers  
Owners of Petite Plaisance

**Easy to Grow Orchid Species**

Jim Hamilton will discuss why this is not a conflict in terms. I know, you always thought orchids were difficult. Not a bit of it! At least according to Jim! Hehe!!

Petite Plaisance is located in the hugely small town of Valley Ford in Sonoma County. It makes a pleasant day trip to drive through the green, rolling hills of Sonoma County out to the coast. Call in advance to arrange a visit. Sometimes the Sonoma Society will arrange tours of Petite Plaisance as well as Marni Turkel's Stony Point Orchids. You all remember that Marni was our speaker in Fall of 2002. Add in some wine tasting and a trip to California Carnivores (carnivorous plants) and what more could a budding botanist ask for?

Petite Plaisance deals mostly in species orchids. They have a few hybrids (check out the picture of *Zygopetalum Imagination* and *Stanhopea Assidensis* 'John' on their webpage, yum!) You've all seen their sales booth at all the local shows, laden with delectable hanging orchids in baskets and on slabs. Cool growers, intermediate growers, orchids from the commonplace to the sublime. (Do I sound too much like a fan of theirs? I hope so.)

**Petite Plaisance Orchids will provide orchids for the Raffle Table as well as have plants for sale.** You can pre- order on their webpage and Jim will bring your order to the meeting <http://www.sonic.net/orchids/>

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Life is a Banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death! – This month's moveable feast will be at the Thai restaurant Bangkok Kitchen in downtown Concord. Located on Galindo right across the street from the Concord movie theaters. Have the members call me at least a day ahead if they will be coming to dinner so I can reserve enough tables. –Sybil Renee McGowan [the Bangkok Wings, Eggplant and Mien Kum are great –KB]

Bangkok Kitchen 1980 Galindo St., Concord. 680-4421 \$15 includes tip, wine extra If you want to eat call Sybil McGowan (925) 685-3254	Next Board Meeting April 17, 7:30 pm Alice Tomassini's House 3 Woodside Ct. Danville, Ca. 648-7667 (You can come too!)
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## April Culture Session

Ron Ehlers co-owner of Petite Plaisance will lead a discussion and show techniques on how to mount orchids on plaques. If you've ever been to Petite Plaisance's greenhouses or seen their sales booth at a show you know they have many of their orchids on bits of bark, treefern and what have you. Ron will let you know his secrets on how to grow many species you'd never imagine would take to that form of culture. And take to it marvelously. With his instruction maybe you can try it on some of your plants too.

## AOS Awards Pacific Central Region

HA! That no good lazy bum of a webmaster STILL hasn't updated the AOS web page! Whatta crud! She should be fired, run out of town on a rail...

Wait a minnit! I'm talking about ME!!

Gulp!

Never mind. Accept my apologies and I'll update the page soon! <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

## Refreshment Corner

Many thanks to the members who provided food and beverages for our march meeting. The following members have signed up for April: **Madge Fordyce, Jill Chambers, Catherine Gardner, Giovanna Deem, Antonietta Bofill, Barbara Tague, Nanacy Pak and Bob Akbarian.** Beverages will be provided by: **Renate Johnson and James Clements.**

If, for whatever reason, any of you can not attend the March meeting, please call **Antonietta Bofill** (925-609-8443) or **Esther Yee** (925-825-8194) in advance of the meeting.

Antonietta Bofill  
Esther Yee

Our beloved Karen Moonitz will be moving. Karen places the monthly announcements in local newspapers. We will need someone to take over this chore. -->

## DVOS March Show Table Results

1st Place Paph. Berenice, By Juan Bofill  
2nd Place Dendrochilum cobbianum, By Karen Moonitz  
3rd Place Pleurothallis grobeyii  
Lancer Smith Onc. Irene Gleson 'Ruby & Gold' By Akiko Ogawa ( I know I spelled that wrong)  
Look What I Bloomed for the First Time: Cym.  
Afterhours 'Dr. No', By Katie Pleasance

The judges were David Tomassini, Linda Castleton, and Alice Tomassini.! Pics at <http://www.dvos.org>

As always, Frank Fordyce and Dave Tomassini request that their plants not be considered for Show Table judging, since they are commercial growers.

Full judging rules can be found on the web page, but the jist is: Pick a Pretty Flower. One you'd like to take home with you. Judging is like shopping, and that's something we're all good at.

## DVOS DOERS

President: **Linda Darascavich**

Vice President: **Sybil Renee McGowan**

Secretary: **Alice Tomassini**

Treasurer: **Barbara Tague**

Board Members: **Juan Bofill**

**Naomi Chamberlain**

**Parky Parkison**

**Brad Piini**

**Phyllis Arthur**

Membership: **Ulrike Ahlborn**

Greenhouse Tours: **Dan Chiappone**

Refreshments: **Esther Yee & Tonky Bofill**

Hostesses: **Madge Fordyce & Naomi Chamberlain**

Raffle & Sales: **Nancy Pak**

Librarian: **Phyllis Arthur**

Historian: **Nathalie Smith**

Newspaper Announcements/Ads: **OPEN!!**

Newsletter: **Kathy Barrett** ([mormodes@hotmail.com](mailto:mormodes@hotmail.com))

Webmaster: **Nick Doe**

Nice Guys: **Dave Tomassini** and **Parky Parkison** for hauling around the projector, the sound system, the lights, and whatever else this club uses or needs. They could use some help.

SF Show Chairman: **Ron Bettancourt**

DVOS Show Chairman: **Juan Bofill & Dave Tomassini**

Alice says she can do it, but Alice does enough around here. Help! Come to the Board Meeting at Alice's and we can tell you what's involved and help you out. -KB

## April Greenhouse Tour

DVOS members are invited to join me on two greenhouse tours in San Francisco, on Saturday, April 12th. Both tours will feature a short culture session. And yes, you may buy orchids if you really want to. Please try to carpool as parking is limited in San Francisco.

The first tour will start at 10 AM and will be hosted by Tom Perlite, owner of Golden Gate Orchids. Tom was our March speaker and as you may recall grows those fantastic Masdevallias, Dendrobium cuthbertsonii, Odontoglossums and other genera. If you attended the San Francisco show in February, you may remember his great display with the long stemmed Masdevallias, as you entered the show.

The second tour will start at 1 PM and will be hosted by Scott Dallas and his wife, owners of White Oak Orchids. Scott used to be the on site consultant and gave fantastic culture presentations at the Rod McClellan open houses, before they moved out of South San Francisco. Scott also grows many genus's and specializes in Paphs, unusual Dendrobiums, Vandaceous orchids, miniatures, species and 'the weird and wonderful.' Scott also had an excellent display at the San Francisco show.

Directions to Golden Gate Orchids (our first stop, 10 am) from Contra Costa:

Golden Gate Orchids  
225 Velasco Street

San Francisco 415-467-3737

Take Highway 24 west to the Bay Bridge.

Cross The bridge and proceed south on 101.

Exit at Third Street/Cow Palace Exit.

Proceed to Bayshore Freeway west.

Bear Right onto the Bayshore Freeway.

Turn right onto Geneva and proceed two lights to Rio Verde.

Turn Right onto Rio Verde.

Proceed one block to Velasco.

Turn right onto Velasco.

The greenhouse is on the right.

Directions to White Oak Orchids (our second stop, 1 PM) from Golden Gate Orchids:

White Oak Orchids  
324 Havelock Street

San Francisco 415-584-8767

Proceed to Geneva street and go west.

Make a Right turn onto San Jose.

Proceed thru several lights until you come to Paulding street.

Make a Left turn onto Paulding.

Proceed over the freeway to a 4-way stop intersection at Circular street.

Make a left onto Circular street.

Proceed downhill on Circular until you come to a dead end.

Make a right onto Havelock street and proceed 1 1/2 blocks to the green house.

Parking is very limited here. Visit the White Oak Orchid website (<http://www.whiteoakorchids.com>) for directions from other locations.

We are fortunate to be able to visit both greenhouses as they usually limit tour groups. Please be prompt and remember to carpool if you can. If you need a ride come to the April general meeting and arrange to carpool with someone.

See you at the meeting and later on the tours.

Dan Chiappone

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## New Hydroponics Store in Martinez!

**Indoor Technologies** is located at 825 Arnold Dr #2 in Martinez. No longer do we have to traipse over to Hydrofarm in San Rafael in order to buy growlights. While their small retail space only features a limited number of lights on display, they do have an order list that features many (most) of the national brands, including Son Agro, Luma and Deluxe. Gary Oliphant is the owner. 888-499-4375.

<http://www.hy-yeildindoor.com> and

<http://www.turbohydroponics.com>

## Membership News

New members and guests:

Takatumi Okajima and Jeffrey Walpole from Vallejo joined DVOS at the March general meeting. | Lets give them a hearty welcome! That brings the number back up to 74 paid members.

We could also welcome new guests: Carol & Doug Knowles from Walnut Creek and Patti Paulson from Alamo.

A note to our guests who attended our general meetings prior to February 2003: please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participate in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues before the end of this month if you want your name to appear in the 2003 roster. You may also bring them to the April general meeting.

Any questions? Call me at 510.741.6762 or send an e-mail to [Membership@DVOS.org](mailto:Membership@DVOS.org)

Ulrike Ahlborn,  
Membership Chair

DVOS Membership  
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San Ramon, CA 64583

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### Wear your membership badge and get one free raffle ticket!

Yes! That's what it says. One free chance to win an orchid merely by wearing your membership badge. So dig the dang thing out of your jewelry box and pin it to your chest. What? You say you ain't got no stinking badges? We'll have some of those peel and stick badges for your (hopefully) temporary use. See Ulrike. She'll be wearing her badge.

## Calendar of Events

April 5-6: **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale**, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA.

April 11-13 **Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale**, Westgate Shopping Center, Campbell and Saratoga Avenues, San Jose, CA. Show: Sat 12 Noon - 7PM; Sun 10AM - 5PM; Sale: Friday 9AM - 9PM; Sat 9AM - 7PM and Sun 10AM - 5PM. Admission FREE! For further information, contact Conrad Kumata 408-996-8335 or [CKumata@aol.com](mailto:CKumata@aol.com).

April 12-13, 2003 - **Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show**, Stanislaus Union School, 1931 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, CA. Contact: Susan Wedegaertner, 1348 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, CA 95356; (209) 545-4732.

May 3-4: **Carmel Orchid Society MayFaire Orchid Show and Sale**. Crossroads Shopping Village, Hiway 1 at Rio Rd., Carmel. For info call 831-646-8724.

May 10-11, 2003 - **Orchid Mania** will be holding their "**World's Largest Orchid Garage Sale**", 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Free. Golden Gate Room, Fort Mason Center, Marina Boulevard at Buchanan Street, San Francisco. (415) 841-1678. For the sale, look up: <http://www.orchids.org/events/MaySale.html>.

May 10-11 **Orchid Society of California** Mother's Day sale. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA.

May 17 & 18: **D&D Flowers** (Dennis Olivas) is having an open house and sale. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hiway 92, Half Moon Bay. For info call: 925-969-1246.

**DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Single/Family \$15 (\_\_\_), Two-years \$25(\_\_\_), Life \$300 (\_\_\_)  
(Please note, all memberships run January 1 to December 31)**

**PLEASE PRINT**

New (\_\_\_), Renewal (\_\_\_)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Member: \_\_\_\_\_

AOS Member Y/N(\_\_\_)

Resident/Family

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (Must fill in)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax (Opt): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work (Opt): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Car/Cellular (Opt):(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultivation (Check all that apply):**

Indoor (\_\_\_), Outdoor (\_\_\_), Greenhouse (\_\_\_), Hobbyist (\_\_\_), Commercial (\_\_\_)

Please send to: **Diablo View Orchid Society**  
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## Local Vendors

### Livermore

\*The Orchid Ranch\*  
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659

<http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis  
Tonkins Orchids - Paphiodeilums

### Oakland

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

### 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.

### Vallejo

\*MGM Orchids\*  
Mariano G Morales  
(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)

### San Leandro

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

### Lafayette

\*Diablo Disas\* <http://www.diablodisas.com>  
Michael Gallagher  
3 Maloyan Lane  
925-283-8450 (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\*  
Greenhouse located in Half Moon Bay  
(925) 969-1246 (by appt. only)

### Australia

\*Adelaide Orchids\* <http://www.adelaideorchids.com>  
Stephen and Robin Monkhouse  
16 Pine Road  
Woodcroft, South Australia 5162