

Diablo View Orchid Society

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Thursday August 14th, 2003

5:30PM Dinner with the Speaker, Culture Session starts 7:00PM, Meeting starts 7:30!, ~8:30 Speaker's Presentation

Trudy Hadler

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Cymbidiums But Were Afraid to Ask"

I got hooked on orchids when I was approximately 10 years old. I read a Nero Wolfe mystery about a 300+ pound detective who lived in New York, never left his home, had a greenhouse on his roof and raised orchids. The descriptions of the orchids were fascinating and I could hardly wait to get my own home and raise orchids. For over 30 years, I have been growing orchids and they are just as fascinating now as when I was 10 years old.

Currently there are about 800-1000 plants in my collection. Most of the plants are cymbidiums, grown outside, but I do have a greenhouse for the assorted genera that prefer warmer growing conditions such as cymbidiums from India and Australia, Cattleyas and Miltonias.

While I am a judge with both the AOS and the CSA judging systems, and appreciate quality flowers of various genera, I still get a thrill of blooming a seedling for the first time, or seeing what that \$2 yard sale special looks like.

- Trudy Hadler

P.S. The Nero Wolfe mysteries were fiction, but the greenhouse on the roof, filled with orchids is true. The AOS did an article some years ago on the current owner.

Sybil Renee McGowan Cymbidium Culture Session

DVOS Vice President and CSA student judge Sybil Renee McGowan will give a session on care and handling of cymbidiums. Yes, those huge poolside behemoths can be easily controlled and Sybil will show you how. Additionally she'll go over feeding, light requirements, and watering in our hot summer season. 7:00PM

Raffle Table will feature cymbidiums from Santa Barbara's John Rowe, large seedlings from Any Easton's breeding program, as well as plants from Steve Thai, another local cymbidium source. These are not to be missed.

Speaker's Dinner at Golden Willow Chinese Restaurant 1848 Willow Pass Rd, Concord -Across from Park & Shop \$15 per person, incl. tip, wine extra. Call Sybil at: 685-3254 Let her know you're coming.	Next Board Meeting August 21st 7:30 PM Alice Tomassini's House 3 Woodside Court, Danville (925) 648-7667 (You can come too!)
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DVOS Show Table Awards

1. Blc. Shanghai Jade 'Treasure' by Bernice Lindner
2. Cattleya Green Emerald 'Orchid Queen' by Barbara Tague
3. Brassidium Longlen 'Bill Switzer' AM AOS by Akiko Ogawa

Lancer Smith Medallion - Macroclinium manabinum
'Bernice' CHM by Bernice Lindner

Look What I Bloomed for the Very First Time -
Agwa. Kiwi Sunrise 'Gold Dust' by Akiko Ogawa

Judges were Linda Castleton, James Clements, and Ulrike Ahlborn. Remember, bribing the judges is considered fair play according to the DVOS rules and regs: see <http://www.dvos.org>

AOS Awards, Pacific Central Judging

Oakland (July 21, 2003)

- Paph. Phillip Ruggiero 'Jade Dragon' HCC 79 by Japheth Ko
- Aerangis spiculata CBR by José Rodriguez
- Paph. Rafael Garcia Orraca 'Dog Town' HCC 76 by Musia Stagg
- Disa uniflora 'Hyun Sook' HCC 77 by Anna Chai

San Francisco (July 1, 2003)

- Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis 'Richard Weaver' species, by Bill Weaver AM 84, CCM 89
- Cymbidium madidum var. album 'Mem. Mu-Lan Wu,' species, by Buddy F. Mark HCC 75
- Cyrtorchilum villenaorum 'Stony Point', species, by Marni Turkel HCC 75
- Dendrobium crepidiferum (formerly sulawesense; identified by Christenson) 'OrchidSafari' species, by Kathy Barrett HCC 77
- Epidendrum schizoclinandrium 'Petaluma' species, by Judy Carney CBR
- Oncidium crispum 'Prieta' species, by Marni Turkel HCC 79
- Paphiopedilum Praying Isabel 'Warwick' (Paph. glanduliferum x Paph. Lady Isabel), by Fred D. Jernigan HCC 76
- Phragmipedium Don Wimber 'Coral Jewel' (Phrag. Eric Young x Phrag. besseae), by Rob Terry

For more award information please visit the following website: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Refreshment Corner

We enjoyed an excellent refreshment table in June. Our appreciation goes to all the members who provided food and beverages. The following members have signed up for July: **Kathi Ames, Paula Tint, Linda Daraskavich, Alice Tomassini, Nancy Pak, Akiko Ogawa, and Giovanna L. Deem.** Beverages will be provided by: **Esther Yee.**

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

Antonieta Bofill
Esther Yee



DVOS DOERS

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Newsletter: **Kathy Barrett** (mormodes@hotmail.com)
Webmaster: **Nick Doe** (<http://www.dvos.org>)
Nice Guys: **Nancy Pak, Dave Tomassini and Parky Parkison** for hauling around the projector, sound system, lights, raffle tickets, business cards and whatever else this club uses or needs. They could use some help!

Diablo View Orchid Society

Annual Lancer P. Smith BBQ and Auction at the Van Galder estate, Lafayette

Saturday, September 6th 2003, Set up at 10:30. We Eat at Noon.

Auctioneers are scheduled. Plants have been brought in. We feature Kinder's Rib-Eye Steaks or quartered hunks o'Chicken, paid for by the SOCIETY. Current payment of your dues gives you entrance for the BBQ. If you wish to bring a guest who is not a member, we'll make him/her a member for the usual \$15 Application Fee, or charge them \$20 for the meal. The other requirement is donation of one orchid plant per person. If you don't have an orchid to donate, use your imagination for a donation of some item akin to orchids: baskets, aprons, crochet, something with an orchid theme, pots, trimmers, jewelry etc.
Bring something nice to bid on!!

A FUN SOCIETY!!

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DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

Annual BBQ and AUCTION

I/We Am/Are planning on attending the Bar-B-Q and Auction at the Van Galder Estate in Lafayette. Saturday September 6th Help set up tables/chairs, register plants etc.10:30 AM. Lunchtime is Noon. Auction at about 1:00.
Good Fun!

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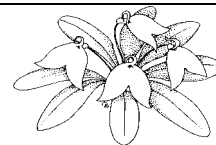
A-H brings Dessert, I-O brings Salad, P-Z brings a Casserole or Hot Side Dish. If you want to change so you can bring your favorite Potluck Dish call Alice Tomassini, just so we don't get swamped with too many of one item.
(925) 648-7667

Bring Your Own Service for Eating! (Plates, knives, forks, spoons) The SOCIETY provides non-alcoholic beverages, but you can BYOB. Bob requests that the pool remains off limits, since there is no one to act as lifeguard.

Parking is limited to adjacent streets, which are plentiful. He only has 6 spaces inside, which are reserved for necessity, or handicapped.

Mail to:

Diablo View Orchid Society
c/o Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Court
Danville, Ca. 94506



(Directions to the Van Galder estate will be in the Sept. Newsletter)

My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys

Yes pilgrim, its time again to sign up for your food choices for the BBQ, this time with a Wild West theme. We are returning to the BBQ'd steak and chicken menu. That's it! Chuckwagon style, these are without any mincy mamby pamby marinades. Food's brown, hot and plenty of it! As always, side dishes are provided potluck by the membership, and I must confess that I forget which letter brought what last time. So, if you are unhappy with your suggested menu item, please call Alice and switch. (See sign up sheet)

This year we are heading down to Bob Van Galder's old corral in a Western Theme. So all you galloots bring your lariats to lasso the orchid of your choice from the herds of orchids the Society has rounded up from around the West! (and Hawaii). Please be sure that the plants you donate are in good shape, worth bidding on, and pest free. Nothing is worse than buying an infested rootless plant. Bummer, Buckaroo! Don't make me draw down on you, pardner! If you ain't got an orchid an orchid related item will do instead. We're easy.

This year we'll try out a silent auction in addition to the active bidding. Might be one way you can out wit some of the big cattle barons and bring home a few orchid head for your own spread.

There's a heap o' wrangling that goes on prior to eatin' vittles. Come early to help clean and set up the tables & chairs and register plants for the auctions. That way you have plenty of time to gossip about the plants so you'll know what to bid on. Ain't nothing like a good jaw about orchids to learn a thing or 3 about 'em. We eat at high noon, and the auction begins about an hour after.

Remember: wear the hat or headdress of your choosing, boots or moccasins, and bring plenty of wampum for the auction. (Beads are not a form of legal tender) Bring your pic-a-nick baskets, eating utensils (or just plain knife in Francisco Baptista's case) and BYOB. (Society provides non-alcoholic beverages)

A reminder: Brad Pini and Jeanette Bean will bring their BBQ grills. Brad and Parky Parkison will cook. The rest of you will eat.

- Kathy Barrett

Orchid Boarding Space Wanted

Needed: Care for approximately 15 orchids for September through November 2003 in exchange for a portion of the plants. Included are:

- Ansellia africana (3)
- 6' tall epidendrum (3)
- Brassia (1)
- Dendrobium (3)
- And various small starter plants

Please call Bob McKoon (925) 830-1868. 3713 Tortosa Ct, San Ramon.

Bob has retired and will be visiting the south of India for a few months. He would like someone to care for his plants in the short term.

DVOS Library Gets a Donation!

Bob McKoon also donated many books from his library to the DVOS Library. See? You retire then start cleaning out the closets and downsizing. Corporations ain't the only ones who can do that!

Phyllis Arthur has the complete list of donated books, but chief amongst them are:

'Quality Stream Orchids' by the Japanese Growers Association, 'Orchids' by Sunset magazine – the new edition. Titles by Carl Withner, Wilma Ritterhausen as well as a Glossary put out by the AOS and a book on Orchid Nomenclature from the IOC. And back issues of the 'Orchid Digest' magazine.

Thanks Bob! You're a pal!

You Still Gotta Fill Out The Paperwork

Ulrike wants to remind everyone to use a membership application form when paying your dues (available from Nancy Pak at the back of the meeting room). This stops confusion about who has paid and who hasn't.

Thanks!

Yep, we're still giving a free raffle ticket for wearing your name badge, so dig them out of wherever you last placed 'em and pin 'em on yer chest!

July Speaker Recap

So, you're looking out your window wondering why that helicopter keeps hovering over your greenhouse. You can make out a guy up there in some kind of dark uniform taking photos of your greenhouse. The camera lens that he's using is 2 feet long and the only other time that you have ever seen a lens that big was on the sidelines of NFL football games. You suspect that your greenhouse is probably not going to be on the next cover of Sports Illustrated, so you're getting a little suspicious.

Then you read in the newspaper that those new spy satellites can read the date off a penny from 52,000 miles in space and at any moment they just might find some absurd interest in reading your car's license plate. Maybe they will be peering into your greenhouse just as the vents open at 78 degrees- to see what??? The paranoia sets in. What to do!!! There is only one thing to do-- MOVE, and FAST. Where?? Canada, Mexico....

No need. Just relax and bring the whole crop indoors. That's what Victor Vivian from Berkeley Indoor Gardening would suggest. You don't even need to open the drapes to let the sun shine inside. He has all the goods to grow anything green indoors. Artificial lights, hydroponic media and a million gadgets to make sure that the cash crop brings in more than it costs to raise.

Let's do some simple addition of the equipment needed.

First and foremost you need one giant light source. That's right. A cold fusion nuclear reactor light that comes with a special radiation suit just like the one that Homer Simpson wears so that you can turn it on and off safely. Cost \$495.00. Glorified box (waterproof) to put the crop in. Cost \$169.95. Reverse osmosis unit for pure water. Cost \$275.45. Seaweed extract. Cost \$23.87. Ceramic pellets. Cost \$31.34. pH meter. Cost \$12.50. Temperature/Humidity gauge. Cost \$27.89. Timer. Cost \$34.54. Misters, fertilizer for both hard and soft water, etc. Cost \$276.45. Oh, and throw in a couple of guard dogs just in case the Avon lady gets too nosey and wants to peek inside to see what's glowing. Cost \$1,387.00 (purebreds only, no pound puppies).

Total cost: \$2,450 U.S. dollars

\$309,887.36 Canadian

Yeah! Seems like it might be cheaper to just cut a hole in the roof and put some plastic down on that green shag carpet, but then there is still that problem of the helicopter and satellite that I mentioned. Oh well, maybe for \$14.95 I'll go back to Home Depot and buy an orchid and let someone else do the growing.

– Brad Piini

Death by Coffee.

By Eric Hunt

It was a dark and stormy night. The wind howled, branches scraped against the siding of the GH, where all was snug, tucked up inside. Or so it seemed.

Down at the cattleya end of the greenhouse a mixed crowd of scale and thrips were feasting on new buds, burst fresh from their sheaths just that morning. "That crowd just ruins the neighborhood" remarked a slug as he passed Barney the Bushsnail crawling along a rhizome. "Always flitting about, their larvae escaping through drainage holes. I tell you, there ought to be a law." Barney agreed, however he didn't really feel that way. He just wanted to let the slug go on its way. "Down to the tray of beer, no doubt." thought Barney. "Slugs! Ha! They are soooo predictable."

Barney liked to stay snugly hidden amongst fine roots. Away from the sturm and drang of everyday greenhouse life. Others considered Barney to be almost a monk, beer never affected him the way it did common slugs and snails. He was never lured by the wafting odors of metaldehyde. Nope, not Barney! He learned from other pest's mistakes. Barney had assured himself of a long and prosperous future by being small, medium colored and investing in Intel at \$6.

Just then, as he was reflecting on his bright future, it happened. At first he thought a bit of the rain out doors had dripped into the pot whose roots he was currently feasting on. Moisture! Glorious moisture! He was a lucky little bushsnail, now wasn't he?! And there was something different about this moisture. Different from the usual rain. Ah! The aroma! There was a certain complexity to the acid/tannin balance. "There must be something dead on the roof." thought Barney. "However its making this water really rather intriguing. Insouciant! Piquant! And just a hint of vanilla... ummmmm... vanilla!"

Barney crawled further into the stream, bathing fully in the waters." Ahh! That's making my skin feel just smooth and slippery all over! I feel like a whole new me! Forget bo-tox! This skin peel is marvelous!" Heady with glee Barney kept bathing and bathing. Soon he was joined by other mollusks. Slugs, snails and other bushsnails all partying up a big time in the Bulbo section of the greenhouse. Someone started some music playing. "Summer's here and the time is right, for dancing in the street!"

But then the music screeched horribly to a halt. "What's happening to your face?" a slug screamed at Barney. "Its all melty! Worse than [gulp] SALT!" Barney looked around and it was true. They were all melting... melting. Something was spoiling their horrible wickedness.

"See Kath? Its true." Eric said as he poured some left over espresso blended with water over the Cirr Elizabeth Ann. "Mollusks just hate the stuff." - The End

Eric Hunt wrote in message: Kathy, Next time you find an infestation of bush snails, try drowning the plant in a drench of: 1 part strong coffee 1 part water. The caffeine in the coffee is highly toxic to mollusks. I think I read about this either on this newsgroup or on OGD. -Eric in SF

Local Vendors

Livermore

The Orchid Ranch

Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659

<http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis

Tonkins Orchids – Paphiodeilums

Concord

Nathalie Smith

1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904

(by appt. only); orchid supplies

Oakland

Orchids Fiori D.Amore

Paolo & Nina DiCandia

510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

Walnut Creek

Orchid Gallery

Jing Ho

1501 N. California Blvd.

Vallejo

MGM Orchids Mariano G Morales

(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)

Peninsula

White Oak Orchids

1456 Oxford St.

Redwood City, Ca. 94061

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The Paph House

Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan

375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA

510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

Lafayette

Diablo Disas <http://www.disas.com>

Michael Gallagher

3 Maloyan Lane

925-283-8450 (by appt. only)

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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)

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