

Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.
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Thursday March 13th, 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

Tom Perlite
Owner of Golden Gate Orchids

What's Bugging Your Collection?

A well reasoned rational discussion on ridding your orchid collection of pests and a review of other diseases commonly affecting orchid collections. Bring a plant that you have a question about and we'll see if we can get an answer for you.

Tom Perlite is one of those men who needs no introduction. Suffice it to say he's one of the paramount growers in the San Francisco Bay Area. His business, Golden Gate Orchids, sells cooler growing orchids than we can (usually) grow out here in the semi desert. But he can offer insight into the common pests that plague, perturb and pester us. Tom is an AOS Judge, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and another of the many Bay Area orchid growers that came up through the ranks at Rod McLellan & Co. at a time when Frank Fordyce managed the orchid department. And he's a heck of a nice guy to boot.

Golden Gate Orchids will provide orchids for the Raffle Table as well as have plants for sale.

Life is a Banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death! - There are so many good restaurants in the Concord area just minutes from the meeting hall I decided to start varying the location for dinner out with the speaker! Dinner with the speaker will be at: **DJ's Bistro** Located in same complex as Kinko's across Willow Pass Rd from Park and Shop and across Sutter Street from Big 5 Sporting goods. Featuring Austrian/Czechoslovakian food. Sure smelled good when I was in there today! And they have a great senior discount. 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

DJ's Bistro 1825 Sutter Street, Concord 825-3277 \$15 includes tip, wine extra If you want to eat call Sybil McGowan (925) 685-3254	Next Board Meeting March 20, 7:30 pm It may be at Barbara Tague's House 716 Skyline Dr.. Martinez, CA. (925) 229-0512 (You can come too!)
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March Culture Session

Continuing with the Alphabet Series started last year by Linda Daraskavich (A is for Aphids) and continued by Sybil McGowan (B&C is for Bark and Coconut)

Kathy Barrett will present:

'D' is for Dung.

No fooling. (Samples will **not** be handed out.)

DVOS February Show Table Results

1st - BC. Star Ruby 'Trick or Treat', by Bob van Galder
2nd - Lycaste cruenta, by Juan Bofill
3rd - Laelia anceps var. veitchiana, by Bernice Lindner
Lancer Smith Medallion- Diema polybulbon Chiapas, by Karen Moonitz
LWIBFTVFT- Lc. Koolau King, by Renate Johnson

Thanks Judges!! Betty Michaelsen, Jetta Hansen, Travis Perrin. They passed the eye exam, so these results stand!
Pics at <http://www.dvos.org>

Refreshment Corner

Our appreciation goes to the members who provided an excellent table for our February meeting. Following are the names of those members who signed up for March: **Karen Moonitz, Betty Michelson, Bob Akbarian, Dennis Olivas, Phyllis Arthur, Dan Chiappone, Jinnie Tom and Brad Piini.** Beverages will be provided by: **Juan and Antonietta Bofill.**

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 to the Placerville area. Boo Hoo!! What'll we do without you? Karen places the monthly announcements in local newspapers. We need someone to take over this chore.

February AOS Awards

At San Francisco 2/4/03:

Paphiopedilum Fanaticum 'Jae Hong'
(Paph. malipoense x Paph. micranthum)
HCC 77 Exhibited by Anna S. Chai
Den. goldschmidtianum 'Republic of Taiwan'
Species HCC 76 Exhibited by Japheth Ko
Cym. Angelica Ultimatum 'Cooksbridge Abundance'
Cym. Angelica x Cym. Ultimatum
HCC 76 Exhibited by Linsie Hu
Lycaste skinneri var. semi alba 'Lillian Sparks'
Species HCC 76 Exhibited by Walter M. Shinn
Wilsonara Dangold 'Golden Gate'
Oda. Danilo x Odcdm. Isler's Goldregen
HCC 79 Exhibited by Golden gate Orchids

At Oakland 2/17/03:

Psychopsis Mendenhall
(Psy Butterfly x papilio) HCC 75
Phrag. Calurum
species HCC 79

Pics at <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

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**

Refreshments: **Esther Yee & Tonky Bofill**

Hostesses: **Madge Fordyce & Naomi Chamberlain**

Raffle & Sales: **Nancy Pak**

Librarian: **Phyllis Arthur**

Historian: **Nathalie Smith**

Newspaper Announcements/Ads: **Karen Moonitz**

Newsletter: **Kathy Barrett** (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**

We still need someone to arrange greenhouse tours. Come to the Board Meeting at Barbara's house and we can tell you what's involved and help you out. -KB

Diablo View Orchid Society Repeats!

For the second time the Diablo View Orchid Society took top honors for its display at the annual Pacific Orchid Exposition. The event is put on by the San Francisco Orchid Society and arguably it is the largest orchid show and sale on the West Coast. We have taken top honors 4 out of the last 6 years... but who's counting?

Winning the category for '**Best Exhibit by a Visiting Society**' brings an award of \$1000 for our society's coffers. We won the trophy for '**Best Exhibit Illustrating the Show Theme**'. And we won the prestigious **Orchid Digest Trophy**, awarded to a society or individual's display demonstrating the best orchid variety and quality.

This year the POE Show Theme was 'Orchids: Gems of Nature'. Our display featured two mining cars filled to overflowing with orchids freshly 'mined' from a cavernous orchid vault laced with twinkling orchid gems. The backdrop for the cars on tracks was a rockface with a rich vein of gems cutting through it. **Parky Parkison** conceived the display. The mining cars he built (single-handedly) could actually roll on the tracks and be tilted at any angle to display their wealth of orchid contents.

Alice Tomassini and Juan Bofill got pictures of geologic strata for inspiration for the backdrop. Alice even found rocks at a local quarry for coloring and pattern models.

So armed the display crew took up the challenge of creating a rock wall out of 4x8 sheets of Styrofoam insulation. Led by **Ron Bettancourt**, Brenda Aday, Kathy Barrett, Veronica Bettancourt, Juan Bofill, Linda Daraskavich, Nancy Pak, Parky Parkison, and Dave Tomassini whacked, hacked, filed, gouged, drilled, rasped, glued, mudded, painted and stained the backdrop. (Remember? I told you this one was complicated!) Then they got to disassemble the whole thing in order to store it, transport it, and reassemble it at the Fort Mason Center. Thank goodness Dave has a truck and a van!

Once at Ft. Mason Dan West and Dan Chiappone joined the crew to help with the install. The mighty penmanship of Brenda Aday, Nancy Pak and Jeanette Bean graced the display cards. The team is indebted to webmaster Nick Doe for use of his laptop and Wildcatt program to aid in plant name research. Then Nancy, Jeanette, Linda and Alice changed hats to artfully group our orchids into the display. Of course I arrived too late to help with the install at all. When I asked where the Diablo View crew was, the answer I got was 'You mean that group that partied all day? They left an hour ago.' Man! I missed out on a good time!!

But enough about the 'hard' work. On to the rewards!

Bob Van Galder won a trophy for 'Best Oncidium Alliance shown by a Novice' for his Oda. Joe's Drum. (Oda. Joe Marshall x Oda. Drumory)

Dan Chiappone won a trophy for 'Best Paphiopedilum or Phragmipedium shown by a Novice' for his Paph. wardii (species)

Dave Tomassini won a trophy for 'Best Paphiopedilum shown by an Intermediate' for his Paph. Norito Hasegawa. (Paph. malipoense x Paph. armeniacum)

Kathy Barrett won a trophy for 'Best Dendrobium shown by an Intermediate' for her Den. Nellie Slade. (Den. atrovioleaceum x Den. forbesii) (This plant was purchased at the DVOS 1st Mid-Winter Orchid Auction in 1999— see? You can get good stuff at these things!)

If the count was correct out of the 101 plants in our 10' x 20' display we got:

24 - 1st Place Blue Ribbons.
11 - 2nd Place Red Ribbons.
and
9 - 3rd Place White Ribbons.

Will we see your plants next year?

- Kathy Barrett

Membership News

I want to thank all of our members who have promptly sent in their dues for 2003. What? You don't remember if you sent in you check yet? Just look at the address label on this newsletter. If you see '2002' in the right hand corner of the label, it means that your membership was paid through calendar year 2002 and your membership dues for 2003 are now due. Please fill out the attached Membership Form and send it together with your check made payable to DVOS to:

DVOS Membership
Attn: Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Court
San Ramon, CA 94583

You can also bring your dues to the March General Meeting and give it to Treasurer Barbara Tague, or Nancy Pak who sells the raffle tickets.

I plan to have the new membership roster printed by the end of March 2003. If your dues have not been received by March 15th your membership will lapse, your name will not be in the roster and you will stop receiving the newsletter.

The membership fee is still \$ 15 for one year or \$ 25 for two years. If you are an out of state member who would like to receive the monthly newsletter, the fee is \$ 10.

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting prior to December 2002:

Please be aware that this will be you last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participation in our events, please join our club! Send your application and dues by March 15th or just bring it to the meeting.

Any questions? Call me at 510.741.6762 or send an e-mail to Membership@DVOS.org

Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership chair

Calendar of Events

California Orchids Spring Sale

Saturday **March 1**, 9 AM – 4 PM Great plants.

Call (415) 868-0203 for directions or visit

<http://www.californiaorchids.com>

Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Preview Night - Friday **Feb./28** 7 – 10 PM (\$25)

Saturday and Sunday **March 1- 2**, 10-5 PM (\$5)

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Bldg

Preview Tix (707) 887-1647, Gen'l info (707) 876-3496

http://www.sonic.net/scorchid/show_2003/info.html

Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale – March 8-9

South County Regional Center 800 West Grand St.

Arroyo Grande, Ca. (805) 929-1791 or

<http://www.fcoss.org>

Malihini Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale.

Saturday and Sunday **March 15 & 16**, 2003

Vallco Fashion Park 10123 N. Wolfe Rd. Cupertino, CA.

Free admission. Contact Bob Stillman (650) 941-1352

<http://www.malihini.org/>

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show - March 28-30.

Earl Warren Showgrounds, Exhibit Bldg, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

Contact Frank Cobb (805) 967-7153

Cymbidium Society of America Congress - March 29

Holiday Inn, 5650 Calle Real, Goleta, CA. For more

information, contact Albert and Sandra Svoboda at

805-969-4536 or stillisch@pol.net or visit the CSA

website <http://www.cymbidium.org> .

San Diego Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale March 21-23

Scottish Rite Center, San Diego. Contact Ben Machado

or visit <http://www.sdorchids.org>

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