

Diablo View Orchid Society

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February 2007



NEXT MEETING

2- 8

6:00 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Starts

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa
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1331 Concord Ave
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At Our Next Meeting February 8th

Baaaad Plants. Bad Plants. Whatcha Gonna Do?

Whacha gonna do when they happen to you? Fresh from having paid her debt to Society, ~~Ice-KB~~ ("ex"- leader of that annoying Thrips gang) rejoins ~~Ja-Rule Olivas~~ (infamous leader of the Bud Blasts) to discuss "Why Oh Why Can't I?" Grow orchids, that is.

Whatcha need to do:

Bring us your bad plants. Your tired, your weak, your orchids yearning to breathe free... oops - wrong speech. [ahem.] Bring in the orchids you've been having trouble with and we'll discuss ways to improve their culture. Not some theoretical orchid growing in conditions from some far away land (like Florida). YOUR orchid, YOUR conditions. C'Mon! Even Dave Tomassini has a bad plant or two, so don't be shy! After all, how can we help you if we can't see what you're doing?

Ribbons will be given to those with the worst plants (ie the opposite of the way we usually hand out ribbons.) And there'll be a drawing for prizes (but with a catch!)

Any plants with bugs or diseases PLEASE bring them in a plastic bag so as not to contaminate other plants.

The speakers dinner on February 8th will be at Todai Restaurant on the freeway side of Penny's in the Sun Valley Mall, Concord. We will meet there at 5.30 p.m. Anyone interested in dining with Dennis and Kathy, please join us. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or at eileen.jackson@att.net if you will be joining us for dinner.

The next DVOS Board meeting will be Alice and Dave Tomassini's house on February 15th at 7:30pm.

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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

membership@dvos.org

Greenhouse Tours:

Joe Grillo

Refreshments:

Brenda Aday

Hostesses:

Sharon Duffy

Jill Chambers

Bernice Lindner

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Equipment and Lights:

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Awarded Plants in January

1st Rossioglossum Rawdon 'Jester'

Joe Grillo



3rd Sophronitis coccinea

Barbara Tague



Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

Cymbidium Enzan Forest 'Majolica'

Jinnie Tom



2nd Phragmipedium bessiae

Bernice Lindner

Lancer Smith: Epigeneium nakaharaei

Bernice Lindner

Refreshments for the February Meeting

Thanks to all those who volunteered to bring refreshments. If you are unable to attend, please contact Brenda Aday.

FOOD: Ken Dowdell, Sharon Duffy, Diane Ecoffey, Noble Emory, Renate Johnson, Mary Kelly, Elizabeth Marquez and Dave Shaw

BEVERAGES: Eileen Jackson, Bernice Lindner and Renee Dowdell

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request to the Board:
DVOS c/o B.Tague
716 Skyline Dr.
Martinez, CA 94553

January Speaker Review

January has come and gone and the one thing that we all know is that it was cold. I can't wait to see my PG&E bill. What happened to this global warming?

Nick Burnett spoke on the topic of "At Least Seven Ways To Kill An Orchid"

at our January meeting. Nick is a very entertaining speaker who has killed his fair share of orchids.

For those of you not present at the meeting, I'll give you a visual. Every other slide was of a pot with a dead orchid; all of them different and yet all appearing the same. It could have been the same slide just stuck in the slide projector.

Let's summarize:

1. One of the best ways to kill orchids is to mistake water for love. Explanation - overwatering probably kills more orchids than any other single cause.
2. Believe everything anyone tells you. Example- Home Depot will tell you that the orchid you just purchased will rebloom in 6 months.
3. Remain ignorant of your plants growing cycles. Example - many of your orchids don't like to be watered in the winter.
4. Refuse to understand your growing conditions. Example - It's hard to raise cool growing Masdevallias in the Sacramento heat.
5. Allow your plants to grow on autopilot. Example - you need to look for snails and mealybugs before they infest your entire collection.
6. Tolerate all creatures great and small. Example - ants, rats, and aphids need to be eliminated from your collection
7. Buy the most expensive plant you can find. Explanation - The plant is expensive for a reason. It means it is hard to grow commercially, which means it's hard to grow personally as well.

Thanks again Nick. Very entertaining. - *Brad Piini*

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Alden Lane Nursery's 1st Annual Orchid Show January 21 - 22, 2007

The Orchid Show, jointly sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and DVOS, was a notable success. Sue Fordyce of Alden Lane and DVOS was the irresistible force that brought together the vendors, DVOS members, Alden staff, and an impressive slice of the Bay Area public to make the Orchid Show a vital and exciting event. There were lectures and demonstrations for both novice and advanced growers and there was good advice available for budding enthusiasts (heh, heh) from DVOS members working the show. The vendors (including DVOS) had high quality plants and many rarities. It was a show well worth attending.



An Orchid Enthusiast admiring Sue Fordyce's display



Karen and Brad Piini bringing happiness to yet another orchid vendor

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San Francisco Orchid Show Pacific Orchid Exposition Attention All Members

Please plan to bring your blooming orchids to put in the DVOS display to the general meeting on February 8th. If you can leave them after the meeting, David Tomassini will keep them at his warehouse and transport them to the S.F. Show.

Please be sure to tape your name to the bottom of the grow pot. Do not bring them in baskets or decorative pots – or they may get lost.

Please be sure your plants are staked (no metal), insect-free and clean.

Plants labeled with the plant type and name will be entered for judging.

If you cannot bring your plant(s) to the general meeting, the following are

Alternative Drop off Location and Dates:

Tomassini's Warehouse: 3 Woodside Ct. – Danville – on Sat., Feb. 10th

The show committee will be working on the display most of the day. You can drop off plants between 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Warehouse is located left of the house, behind garage. On Saturday, number to call is 872-4099. If you want to bring your plants to the Tomassinis **between Friday, Feb.8th through Tuesday, Feb. 13th** – call 648-7667 to arrange for day and time to drop off.

Fort Mason Center – San Francisco – Set up day – Wednesday, February 14th.

Doors open at 12:00 noon. Plants need to be at our display **no later than 4:00pm**

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AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco 1/03/2007

Bulbophyllum elisae 'Cozette' CBR (prov) species, Exhibited by Kreg Martin

AOS Awards - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento 1/03/2007

Bulbophyllum makoyanum 'Oscar's Gift' HCC 78 species, Exhibited by Barbara Pierrou

Laelia anceps 'Mary Ann' AM 87 species, Exhibited by David Sorokowsky

Laelia anceps v. veitchiana 'Tamara' AM 85 species, Exhibited by Dennis Olivas

Paph. fairrieanum var. album 'Chablis' HCC 78 species Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland 1/15/2007

Blc. Dal's Grace 'Winston' HCC 77 (C. Horace x Blc. George King), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Paphiopedilum liemianum 'Green Cyclops' HCC 77 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Slc. Circle of Life 'Red Halo' HCC 77 (Lc Culminant x Soph. coccinea), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Photos can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: <http://www.csnjc.org>

- Kathy Barrett

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

February 15-18: Pacific Orchid Exhibition

March 8: Ron Parsons: *Finding Native Orchid Species in California*

April 7: *Orchid Walk on Mt Tamalpais* with Ron Parsons

This special event for members and friends will cost \$20 per person. Call Eileen Jackson at 707- 642 - 5915 to reserve.

April 28: *Potting Party* from 10 am to 2 pm. Mark your calendars!

The next Board Meeting

February 22nd, 7:30 pm at Alice and Dave Tomassini's house.

Membership Matters (Yes, It Does!)

If you haven't renewed your membership, *it's time!* Download the membership form from the website or pick-up a copy at the February meeting. Please fill it out completely (even if you think we have the information) and return it to Ulrike Ahlborn, 117 Laredo Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583-2116 with your check.



Sonoma County Orchid Society
invites you to our
ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

Orchids & Exotics
Orchid Show and Sale

March 3-4, 2007 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Admission \$7.00

Santa Rosa Veterans Building
www.sonomaorchids.com

1351 Maple Ave. • Santa Rosa, CA (across from the Fairgrounds)

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In Memory Of

Nathalie A. Smith

June 20, 1927 ~ January 18, 2007

Nathalie (Nat) was born to Russian immigrants.. She spent her youth in Marin and San Francisco Counties. In 1997, Nat and her husband, Lancer, celebrated 50 years of marriage. She had served the community for more than 25 years as a school bus driver. She discovered she had a very large green thumb and when her energy shifted from growing chrysanthemums to orchids, the greenhouses were built.

Nat and Lancer with other friends were co-founders of Diablo View Orchid Society. Although Nat became widowed in 1998, she remained an active member of DVOS until 2006 when health problems intervened. After receiving an award for one of Frank Fordyce's hybrid orchids, Slc. Circle Spirit, Kathy Barrett (past Vice Pres. of DVOS) named the orchid in Nathalie's honor as "probably the one person who has singlehandedly helped out more orchid newbies than anyone else in Contra Costa County".

Before her passing, Nat decided to donate her surviving orchids and many orchid books and supplies to our society.



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Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members:

Sharyn & Dennis Galloway from Concord

Alice & Hale Tolleth from Pleasant Hill

and past members **George AnnaTow & Roman Kandzion** from San Ramon who joined again.

The guests at the January meeting were: Kobi Abdi, Huei-Mei Chen & Geoffrey Mayfield, Joyce Mason, Estela Renfro and Mimi Tsang.

Membership dues for 2007 are due!

General Membership is \$15, Business \$25. Please be so kind and fill out the renewal form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. It is also the only evidence that you paid your dues since the check or cash will be handed to the treasurer immediately after I update the database.

I hope all of the 108 members will join DVOS again in 2007. So far we have 52 regular members and 11 Lifetime members.

If you receive the newsletter by mail and you see 2007 on the address label you have paid dues for 2007 already.

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on February 8th, 2007 or mail it to

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Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn

117 Laredo Ct

Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

General Membership \$15 (___) Business \$25 (___) Life \$300 (___)

(All memberships are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 31 the following year, your privileges will cease. Monthly newsletter will be by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address)

New (___) Renewal (___)

Date: _____

For General Membership:

Principal Member: _____

Spouse or Significant Other: _____

For Business Membership:

Name of Business: _____

Mailing Address (Must fill in)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: (___) ___-____ Work or Cell Phone (Opt.): (___) ___-____

E-Mail address: _____

Website: _____

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS): Y/N (____); Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC): Y/N

Cultivation (Check all that applicable):

Indoor (___) Outdoor (___) Greenhouse (___) Hobbyist (___) Commercial (___)

What is your favorite genus to grow? Phalaenopsis () Cattleya () Cymbidium () Dendrobium () Vanda ()
Masdevallia () Paphiopedilum () Phragmipedium () Pleurothallids () Zygopetalum () List others:

DVOS perpetuates with the fun and diligent work performed by our membership. We would like to know if you would be interested in participating in the various functions in order to keep this fun, educational, and friendly environment.

I would like to participate in present or future: (Check all that is applicable)

Elected Officer/Board of Directors () Committees: Equipment () Library () BBQ/Auction ()

Advertising () Refreshments () Newsletter () Xmas Party () San Francisco Show – POE ()
Raffle/Sales () Book Meeting Room () Greenhouse Tours () DVOS Show & Sale () Welcome
Hostess () Assist when needed ()

Endorse check payable to: **Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.**

Please send application and check to: **Diablo View Orchid Society c/o Ulrike Ahlborn**

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