

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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January 2007



NEXT MEETING 1/11  
6:00 Speaker's Dinner  
7:30 Meeting Starts  
8:00 Presentation

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*At Our Next  
Meeting*



*January 11th*

## 10 Ways to Kill an Orchid

Nick Burnett has been growing (and killing) orchids since 1990. After finding a dendrobium in an Albertson's, he caught the orchid bug and never recovered. He became an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society in 2003 and continues to be humbled by how much he doesn't know about orchids. Nick is a professor and Chair of the Communication Studies Department at Sacramento State. His lovely wife Debbi allowed him to build a greenhouse in the backyard in 1991 and since that time he has found that the orchids he is least likely to murder are phragmipedium hybrids, species and hybrid paphiopedilums, and the occasional phalenopsis (kept on hand to keep the slug and snails away from the really good orchids!)

Nick will be delivering a new edition of his previous talk—(At Least) Seven Ways to Kill an Orchid—in which he concentrates on learning the language of orchids...perhaps to better explain which part of the darn thing is dying! His talk is illustrated with new slides and (hopefully) better jokes and he looks forward to returning to the Diablo View Orchid Society.

Dinner with the speaker will be at The Banyan Tree (Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai) at 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill at 6:00 pm. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or [jackson.eileen@att.net](mailto:jackson.eileen@att.net) to join us for dinner.

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Membership:

**Ulrike Ahlborn**

[membership@dvos.org](mailto:membership@dvos.org)

Greenhouse Tours:

**Joe Grillo**

Refreshments:

**Brenda Aday**

Hostesses:

**Sharon Duffy**

**Jill Chambers**

**Bernice Lindner**

Raffles and Sales:

**Rita Tischler**

Equipment and Lights:

**Dave Tomassini**

Librarian:

**Phyllis Arthur**

AOS Representative:

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SFOS Show Chairman:

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**Nick Doe**

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## *2006 Christmas Party...*

**Best decorated orchid**

Alice Tomassini



*...and a good time was had by all.*

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

FOOD: Sharon Duffy, Diana Vavrek, Giovanna Deem, Steven Horspool, and Noble Emory  
BEVERAGES: Esther Yee

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## DVOS Commercial Members

### Danville

#### Commercial Plant Services

David and Alice Tomassini  
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### Half Moon Bay

#### D & D Flowers

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### Livermore

#### Fordyce Orchids

Frank and Sue Fordyce  
(925) 600 - 8406  
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### Pacifica

#### White Oak Orchids, Inc.

Sales and Boarding  
1204 Linda Mar Blvd.  
(650) 355 - 8767  
[www.whiteoakorchids.com](http://www.whiteoakorchids.com)

Financial statement  
available upon written  
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## *More Christmas Party*



## Honorable Mention

Eileen Jackson (Below Right)  
Linda Castleton (Below Left)



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## December AOS Award

Blc. Memoria Lancer Smith 'Simple Justice'

(Blc. Mac Holmes x Blc. Goldenzelle, a Fordyce cross)

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Exhibited by Karl and Marilyn Walter

Lancer Smith was a founding member of the DVOS and much loved by the membership.



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## Orchids Under The Oaks

Jan 20 - 21, 10 - 4

981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

The first ever *Orchids Under the Oaks* at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore will be on Jan. 20-21, 10 to 4. DVOS will have a unique opportunity to promote orchid education, membership in DVOS, and to line our coffers with revenues from a sales booth. We are very excited about this event and the opportunity to align ourselves with this prestigious Garden Center. Alden Lane hosts some amazing, well attended community events at their sprawling 4-acre compound.

Members are encouraged to bring their orchids in for display and (informal) ribbon judging. Please have your registration information filled out before the show. Tags will be available at the January meeting. You may bring your plants to the January DVOS meeting, to Alden Lane Thursday the 18th during plant registration time, or call Dave Tomassini at (925) 648-7667 to drop off your plants before Thursday. Judging will be on Saturday morning.

Thanks to everyone who signed-up to work at the show. If you did not sign-up but are available to help, we can use you. Plant registration is Thursday the 18th, Set-up is Friday the 19th. The show is Sat and Sun 20 - 21, 10 - 4. You can sign up at the January meeting to volunteer.

Call Sue Fordyce for more information (925) 449-8903 home or (925) 447-0280 work (Alden Lane).

Directions: (map at [www.aldenlane.com](http://www.aldenlane.com))

**Pleasanton**, Follow directions as from Dublin or if you are close to Stanley, take Stanley Blvd. East into Livermore. Turn right onto Murrietta (at the Shell station.) After 1 long block, turn right onto Holmes. After about 2 miles, (1/2 mile past Albertson's) turn right onto Alden Lane. Nursery entry drive will be on left.

**Dublin, Castro Valley or Oakland**, Take 580 East to Livermore. Exit at Airway Blvd. Turn right on Airway. Right at the light onto Kittyhawk. Left @ 3rd light onto Concannon. Right at Light to Murdell. Left at stop sign to Alden Lane. Nursery is on right just before reaching Holmes.

**Walnut Creek or San Ramon**, Drive 680 south to 580. Go East on 580 toward Livermore. Exit at Airway Blvd. Turn right on Airway. Right at the light onto Kittyhawk. Left @ 3rd light onto Concannon. Right at Light to Murdell. Left at stop sign to Alden Lane. Nursery is on right just before reaching Holmes.

**Fremont or San Jose**, Drive 680 North toward Sunol. Take the Eastbound 84 exit toward Livermore. Follow 84 several minutes into the hills. At Isabel, (Construction) Veer Left. Proceed to Concannon (light) and turn right. Right at next Light onto Murdell. Left at stop sign onto Alden Lane. Nursery is one mile on right just before reaching Holmes.

**Tracy, Modesto or Stockton**, Drive 580 West from Tracy. Exit First Street in Livermore. Loop up and over freeway heading South on First St. Drive all the way through town. Road name will change to "Holmes." Follow Holmes for 2 more miles, (1/2 mile past Albertson's shopping center,) turn right onto Alden Lane. Nursery entry drive will be on left.

**Brentwood**, Drive 84 (Vasco) from Brentwood, cross 580 and continue on Vasco till you come to a "T" at Tesla. Turn right on tesla. Continue to Concannon and turn left. At Holmes (Albertson's) turn left. Next right is Alden Lane, turn right. Nursery entry drive will be on left.

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## *Upcoming Speakers and Events*

January 11: Nick Burnett, *10 Ways to Kill an Orchid*

January 21-22: *Orchids Under the Oaks* at Alden Lane Nursery

February 8: Kathy Barrett and Denis Olivas, *Good Plant, Bad Plant*

February 15-18: *Pacific Orchid Exposition* at Fort Mason

March 8: Ron Parsons

April 15: Orchid Walk on Mt Tamalpais with Ron Parsons

## *At year's end DVOS boasts 104 members!*

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

**Calvin & Charis Anderson** from Concord

**Ken & Barbara Cook** from El Cerrito

**Susan & Karen Henessy** from Pleasant Hill

**Membership dues for 2007 are due in January 2007!**

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 will be handed to the treasurer immediately after I update the database.

Some people have **already paid dues for 2007**. This includes

- all members who joined since October 2006
- all Lifetime members (you know who you are)
- 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 January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 or mail it to

## *The next Board Meeting*

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Barbara Tague's home



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