

Diablo View Orchid Society

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June 2007



NEXT MEETING

Thur June 14

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Starts

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa
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1331 Concord Ave
Concord

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At Our Next Meeting June 14

Summering your Orchids Outside

Deborah Atwood, Napa Valley Orchids

After 30 years in Napa's hospitality industry, Deborah wanted to make a lifestyle change, so at close to 50 years old, she decided to follow her heart and pursue her passion for orchids.

Deborah thinks of herself more as a farmer than a florist as things like water, weather, fertilizing and taking her beauties to market are always on her mind.

She teaches Orchid classes and leads workshops, speaks to Orchid Societies, and sells her plants at orchid shows and farmer's markets. She is available for greenhouse maintenance and for consultation.

Deborah will speak on how to keep orchids alive and blooming outdoors.

Speaker's dinner will be at Pasta Pomodora,
45 Crescent Dr., Downtown Pleasant Hill
Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or
email jackson.eileen@att.net to join us.

The plant table will be provided by Deborah Atwood



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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

membership@dvos.org

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Joe Grillo

Refreshments:

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Our May DVOS speaker was Emma Connery

Emma Connery was our featured speaker for May. The subject was bugs. The lights were dimmed and as the phase contrast microscope was focused a small unseen world came into view. The cosmos unveiled is only afforded to those with a 300X optical advantage. As the wavelengths of light came up through the microscope and on to the projector screen, it became clear that this was a very special night. The black and white images were nothing short of a stag film for bugs.

We will now drop a 300X microphone down into the petri dish to vividly describe the scene as told by one of the bugs there that night.

Dear Playboy, What I'm about to describe to you may seem like a fantasy, but I swear it's true. I'm an average looking bug from a small mid-western college. I've never had a lot of luck with female wasps until one night at the DVOS meeting. That particular night, there was a big party at the Petri Dish, a local hang out. The Dish was crowded with other parasitic wasps (PW's). For decoration there were hundreds of Aphid eggs. The night grew late and the music was intoxicating. The female PW's all started to look like absolute 10's. As the lights got brighter it suddenly got very hot at the Dish.....

Alright, back to the review. Everyone who was there that night knows what happened next. The parasitic wasps were shown mating in every position imaginable then the females went on to lay their eggs into those aphid eggs. The wasp larvae will use the aphid eggs as nourishment and eventually grow up and hatch into new parasitic wasps. Such is the circle of life. In the process, the aphid eggs will die. That's good. The best part is that the wasps don't bother humans, only aphids. These are not the same wasps as the ones at the DVOS picnic.

Thanks again Emma.



Five legged grasshopper



Parasitic wasps

-Brad Piini

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DVOS Commercial Members

Danville

Commercial Plant Services

David and Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Ct.
(925) 736-7630
atomassini@aol.com

Half Moon Bay

D & D Flowers

Dennis Olivas
62 Oceanside Dr.
(925) 696 -1246
dolivas@comcast.com
(By appointment only)

Livermore

Fordyce Orchids

Frank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

Pacifica

White Oak Orchids, Inc.

Sales and Boarding
1204 Linda Mar Blvd.
(650) 355 - 8767
www.whiteoakorchids.com

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Paolo & Nina Di Candia
4526 Fair Ave.
(510) 530-4884
(By appointment only)

Awarded Plants in May

1st Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS

Linda Castleton

2nd Cym. Sweet Devon 'Sweet'

Diana Ecoffey

3rd Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Orinda' AM/AOS

Jim Chan



Brassia Rex (above)

Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' (below)

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

Brassia Rex

Renate Johnson

Lancer Smith:

Chiloschista parishii Seindenf. 1988

Ulrike Ahlborn



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Slc Hazel Boyd 'Orinda' AM/AOS

Chiloschista parishii Seindenf. 1988



Financial statement
available upon written
request to the Board:
DVOS c/o Barbara Tague
716 Skyline Dr.
Martinez, Ca. 94553

Membership News:

Let's give a warm welcome to the new members who joined
in May 2007

Esperanza Hoffmann from Pleasant Hill
Rodney Kline and Judith Parsells both from Concord

This brings DVOS up to 98 members.

The 2007 DVOS membership roster is available. Please
see me at the next meeting if you would like to have one and
have not received one yet.

Your membership has expired if you have not renewed your
dues for 2007 (General Membership \$ 15, business \$ 25)

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the re-
newal form to the next meeting on May 10 or mail it to
Diablo View Orchid Society

Att.: Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Ct
San Ramon, CA 94583-2116
membership@DVOS.org

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Orchid University



Alden Lane

Please call Alden Lane to sign up for the workshops, (925) 447-0280) which have limited registration. Classes will be held in the Alden Lane Event Center. The cost is \$10.00 per class, or sign up for all 3 for \$25.00. Prepayment is suggested to hold your space.

<http://www.aldenlane.com/event.html>

This is your opportunity to learn the basics and beyond about the intricate world of ORCHIDS. Sue Fordyce will de-mystify the mystical and teach you what you need to know to grow-and BLOOM fabulous orchids. Many types of orchids will be discussed, both indoor and outdoor. You may choose one class, or sign up for all three. The workshops will be repeated in July- so if you missed one, it will be repeated.

Workshop I

Your plants are talking to you- how to interpret the sign language of orchids and understand their basic needs. How to tell underwatering, overwatering, root problems, light issues and lots more. You may bring a plant to be diagnosed.

Workshop II

Potting Party! Issues of repotting, dividing and root health will be addressed by hands on demonstration. Care after repotting will also be covered. You may bring a plant to be repotted. You may purchase a pot from us, or bring your own. We will provide the mix and instruction.

Workshop III

Pests and diseases, water quality, greenhouse culture, mounting orchids, and exploring the needs of more unusual but attainable orchids are addressed in this highly informative session.

DATES AND TIMES

Wednesdays

Workshop I JUNE 6 7pm to 8:30 pm

Workshop II JUNE 13 7pm to 8:30 pm

Workshop III JUNE 20 7pm to 8:30pm

(repeated sessions below)

Wednesdays

Workshop I JULY 18 7pm to 8:30

Workshop II JULY 25 7pm to 8:30

Workshop III AUGUST 1 7pm to 8:30

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**Would you like to have your own DVOS Apron ?
Wear it as a volunteer at one our fundraisers or use it at home
caring for your orchids.**

This is a 3 pocket apron, 65% Polyester –35% cotton twill. It has an adjustable neck strap and waist ties. 24" length. – 1 size. You can order it in our DVOS Spruce Green with Gold embroidery or choose your own color apron and / or name.

Total Cost is \$ 16.50 including tax & shipping

**Apron colors available are:
Spruce Green, Black, Burgundy,
Green, Navy, Red, Royal,
Tan, Teal, and White**



Embroidery color above is in Gold. There are many thread colors available including: Yellow, Iris, Lt./Dk Purple, Red, Blue, Green, Teal, Brown, Taupe, Lt/Dk. Green, Pink, Plum, Lavender & Florescents: Gold, Green, Pink, Yellow Metallic Gold.

**Place your order with Alice Tomassini
Email: atomassini@aol.com - or phone: 925-648-7667
Mail check to: 3 Woodside Ct. – Danville, CA. 94506 or
pay at the June 14th meeting.**

Please indicate Apron color / embroidery thread color and if DVOS or name on apron.

Must be paid by the June 14th meeting.....you will receive it at the July 12th meeting.

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- July 12 : Amy Jacobsen - *Rupicolous laelias*
Ice Cream Social
- Aug 9: *40 Species Everyone Should have in their Greenhouse*
- Aug 18: DVOS annual picnic at the Van Galder's home
This year's theme "*The 60s*"
- Sept 13: Eric Hunt - *Orchids of Borneo*
- Oct 11: Joe Parker - *Draculas*
- Oct 12-14: Annual DVOS Sale - Kathy Barrett, Chair
- Nov 8: Bob Hamilton - *Propagation*

The next Board Meeting

June 21st: The next Board Meeting will be at the home of Brad Piini at 7:30 pm.

Refreshments for the June Meeting

Food: Liz Charlton, Giovanna Deem, Renee Dowdell, Ken Dowdell, Diana Vavrek, Phyllis Arthur, Nancy Roberts, Jinnie Tom.

Beverages: Eileen Jackson, Dave Altman, Melinda Moreno



Cym. Sweet Devon 'Sweet'

Reminder: Please have your plants on the table by 7:30. Don't forget to allow time to fill out identification cards.

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DVOS Library

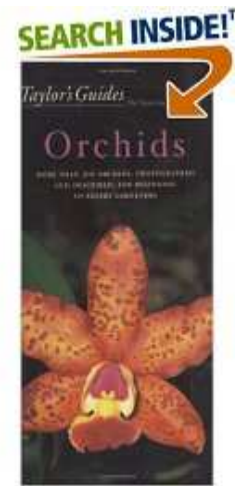
Thanks to the generosity of our members, DVOS has a large library of books, periodicals, videos, CDs, DVDs and pamphlets.

Any member of DVOS can check out items for one month at a time.

Go on line to see the available selection:

<http://www.diablovios.org/Library/library.html>

The available books at each meeting are limited to what can be schlepped. If you see an item you would like to borrow, email Phyllis Arthur, and she will bring it to the next meeting. Library@DVOS.org



One Sunday in May several DVOS members got together for a trek north to Bolinas visit Mary Nisbet at California Orchids.



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AOS Awards May 2007

May 1, 2007 Pacific Central - San Francisco

Cymbidium Tania Porter 'Cinnabar', HCC 77
(Cym. Phar Lap x Cym. Yowie Flame), Exhibited by Weegie Caughlan

Dendrobium victoria-reginae 'Blues Brothers', HCC 79
species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Masdevallia Shuttryana 'Keunok', HCC 76
(Masd. caudata x Masd. coccinea), Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

May 2, 2007 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

Paph. sukhakulii var. album 'Rheingau', AM 84
species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Promenaea Colmaniana 'Mameha', HCC 77
(Prom. xanthina x Prom. crawshayana), Exhibited by Jeff Tyler

Renanthera Twin Bill 'D's Delight', CCM 84
(Ren. Twin Star x Ren. Bill Crocker), Exhibited by Dick and
Donna Murrill

May 21, 2007 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Paph. Macabre 'Kum Nam', HCC 77
(Paph. sukhakulii x Paph. Voodoo Magic), Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

Sedirea japonica 'Goon Ja', HCC 78
species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

Pictures can be seen at:

Pacific Central - <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada - <http://www.csnjc.org> Kathy Barrett



Congratulations!

to Frank Fordyce (he's the one on the right) who was given the first ever award for

'Excellence in Hybridizing.'

by the American Orchid Society at their annual meeting in Dallas this May. This is a new award that the AOS just introduced.