

Diablo View Orchid Society

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March 2007



At Our Next Meeting March 8th

Ron Parsons speaking on California Native Orchids

Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! Ron loves to travel, photograph orchids and wildflowers in situ, visit orchid and other plant enthusiasts' collections, and most of all, to take photographs of plants and flowers that he likes. Ron has an outstanding website at www.flowershots.net

Ron is a popular speaker, and gives talks frequently on variety of orchid-related topics, as well as on California wildflowers, cacti and succulents, carnivorous plants, gesneriads and bromeliads. If interested in his lecture topics, see the lecture page of this web site for more information and links to sample photographs and lecture descriptions. Ron is often asked to present the "show and tell" plants at orchid meetings-he is always full of up to date taxonomic information, culture requirements, and other little known facts about the species and hybrids that members bring in.

Ron's talks feature his beautiful color slides of the subject matter, in-depth information, and first-hand knowledge about the species discussed.

Raffle table will be provided by friends of Ron Parsons (you know he knows everyone in the business).

Dinner with the speaker, who will be accompanied by Dr Mary Gerritsen, will take place at Café Milano, 716 Contra Costa Blvd, Concord. Tel 925-682-5764, at 5.30pm. If you would like to join the speaker for dinner please call Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or email jackson.eileen@att.net

NEXT MEETING

Thur Mar 8

6:00 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Starts

8:00 Presentation

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Awarded Plants in February

1st *Bulbophyllum vaginatum*

Barbara Tague

2nd L.C. Sun Mist 'Apricot' HCC/AOS

Renate Johnson

3rd Paph. (Pulsar x Black Cherry) x fairrieanum

'Super Red'

Kathy Ames

Lancer Smith: *Pleurothallis truncata*

Eileen Jackson

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

Paph. *delenetii* Kristina Zweig

Refreshments for the March Meeting

Thanks to all those who volunteered to bring refreshments.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Brenda Aday.

FOOD: Sue Hennessy, Sharon Duffy, Ken Cook, Phyllis Arthur, Diana Vavrek, Dixie Horspool, Liz Gannon, Ken Dowdell

BEVERAGES: Renee Dowdell, Eileen Jackson, Bernice Lindner



Pleurothallis truncata
Eileen Jackson

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The San Francisco Orchid Show

was held over the Presidents Day weekend in February.

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone who was involved in volunteering to make this event a great success. An event like this requires countless hours of labor from many people and most of the time a *thank you* is all that you ever receive in return. It was great to see so many of our own members at the show volunteering in many different capacities. You seemed to be filling a lot of positions for San Francisco to make their event run smoothly. I'm sure they appreciated your effort.



Bernice Lindner won - 'Best Phal./Doritis Shown by an Advanced Exhibitor' for : Phal. Ever Spring

Noble Emery won - 'Best Plant of Other Genus Shown by an Intermediate for: Lyc. brevispeth Exhibitor'

Sheridan Mathias won - 'Best Phal./Doritis Shown by a Novice Exhibitor' for: Phal. Baldans kaleidescope 'Golden Treasure'

Sharon Duffy won - 'Best Cattleya Alliance shown by a Novice' for: Blc. Greenwich 'Misty Green'

Frank Drake won - 'Best Onc. Alliance by an Intermediate' for: Odo. George McMahon



D.V.O.S. as a society placed second for our entry as a visiting society. This carries a cash prize of \$500, which we can always use for plant raffles, speakers, and Christmas parties.

Again.....Sincerely, *Thank you.*

Brad Piini, San Francisco DVOS show chairman

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*POE
Show
Awards*



The Show Committee

Sheridan Mattias:	Phal. Baldans kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'
Bernice Lindner:	Phal. Ever Spring
Frank Drake:	Odo. George McMahon
Noble Emery:	Lyc. brevispeth
Sharon Duffy:	Blc.Greenwich 'Misty Green'

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February's guest speakers

were the dynamic duo of our own Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett.

These two always bring a lot of energy to the meetings and their spirited bantering seems to put a smile on everyone's faces.

The topic was Good Plants, Bad Plants.

For those of you not able to attend, I have summarized some of the major points of the discussion.

1. The most common cause of a bad plant is in the root system. Pull the plant out of the pot and look at the roots. Most of the time there are minimal or rotted roots. Many times this is because the pot is 2-3 times bigger than it needs to be for the size of the plant. This oversized pot holds too much moisture for the roots to absorb and, hence, the roots rot.

The solution is to repot the orchid into a smaller pot. When you water, you need to use Phosan @ 1 tsp per gallon of water to prevent root rot, especially in the colder weather.

2. Rocking plants. Orchids hate to wobble. They need their roots to be stable and secure in the medium in order to reroot. Wooden stakes and wires are required to hold down a newly repotted orchid.

3. Culturally, when repotting an orchid always presoak your bark. Not just 15 minutes. You need to soak it for 24 hours. You also need to soak the orchid roots so that they are also pliable.

4. Cymbidium Culture. In the months of May through October, use 2 Tbs Epsom Salts (magnesium sulfate) per gallon of water along with your 1/4 strength fertilizer. This will stimulate flower production in the Fall spikes.

- Brad Piini



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Paph. (Pulsar x Black Cherry) x
fairrieanum 'Super Red' Kathy Ames

Potting Party

APRIL 28, 2007 10 am – 2 pm

AT THE HOME OF JENNIFER
ENGLISH

3963 Los Arabis Drive, Lafayette.

Come to learn the right way to repot your orchids. The society will provide the bark for your first 2 orchids, 1 gallon or less pots. More than that will cost \$4 per plant. Bring your friends, they can either pay \$4 per plant or join and get 4 plants repotted for the price of membership.



Bulbophyllum vaginatum Barbara Tague

Nathalie's family would like to Thank the DVOS for including the notice in the recent newsletter of her passing and the donation of her remaining collection of orchids. Thanks to all who helped move everything and for being such a great friend to Nathalie. It's a comfort to us to know that her orchids may bloom again! Sincerely, Tasia (Nathalie's daughter)



L. C. Sun Mist 'Apricot' HCC/AOS
Renate Johnson

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Upcoming Speakers and Club Events

- 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
April 12: Dan Newman of *Hanging Gardens*: Dendrobiums
April 28: *Potting Party* 10 am - 2 pm at Jennifer English's home
3963 Los Arabis Dr. Lafayette

The next Board Meeting

March 15th: 7:30 at the home of Bryan Wraxall

Upcoming Shows

- March 3 - 4 South Bay Orchid Society show and sale 3350 Civic Ctr Dr., Torrance (Cultural Arts Ctr.) www.southbayorchidsociety.com \$5
March 9 - 11: Mahilini Orchid show Vallco Fashion Park in Cupertino
March 17 32nd Cymbidium Congress 8:30am - 4:30pm 2701 Las Positas Rd, Santa Barbara (Adams Elementary School) Lucia Brandt 310.826.0994
March 27: The Marin Orchid Society Orchid Auction 7pm 750 Lindaro St, San Rafael (San Rafael Corporate Ctr) Jeff Mulanaz 415.459.3278
March 24 -25: Napa Valley Orchid Society Show and sale 9am - 4pm 1500 Jefferson St., Napa (Senior Center) www.napavalleyorchidsociety.org
March 31 - April 1: Five Cities Orchid Society Orchid Treasures show and sale 9am - 5pm (10am Sun) 800 W. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande (Pismo Beach)
www.fcos.org/show_info.html \$5 (\$35 preview)
April 7 -8: Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Orchids, A Field of Dreams show and sale 9am - 5pm 666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland (near Lake Merritt) FREE
April 21 - 22: Sacramento Orchid Society 60th Orchid Jewels show and sale 10am - 5pm (4pm Sun) 6151 H St, Sacramento (Scottish Rite Masonic Ctr.)
www.sacramentoorchids.org FREE
May 5 - 6: Carmel Orchid Society MayFaire Orchid show and sale 9am - 6pm (4pm Sun) 125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove (Monterey) www.calorchid.com



Paph. delenetii Kristina Zweig

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AOS Awards February 2007

2/6/07 Pacific Central - San Francisco

Masdevallia Highland Monarch 'First Choice', HCC 77 (Masd. Highland Fling x Masd. Monarch) Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Vanda Pakchong Blue 'Devera', HCC 77 (V. Doctor Anek x V. coerulea), Exhibited by Allison Lehman

2/7/07 California Sierra Nevada

No awards

2/15/07 Pacific Orchid Exposition

Cymbidium Persuasive Miss 'Los Osos', CCM 82 (Cym. Carikhyber x Cym. Miss Muffet), Exhibited by Orchids of Los Osos

Cymbidium Peter Dawson 'Grenadier', AM 80 (Cym. Lunograd x Cym. Solana Beach), Exhibited by Linsie Hu

Cyrtochilum pastazae 'Golden Gate', HCC 79, CCM 88 species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Ida grandis 'x', HCC 77 species, Exhibited by Clare Congioli/Conservatory of Flowers

Masdevallia Highland Fling 'Yun-Suk + Kea-Bong', HCC 77 (Masd. Copper Angel x Masd. veitchiana), Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

Masdevallia Highland Monarch 'Golden Glow', AM 83, AQ (Masd. Highland Fling x Masd. Monarch), Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Miltonia Herralexandre 'Golden Gate', HCC 79 (Milt. Alexandre Dumas x Milt. Herrenhausen) Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Odontoglossum nobile var. alba 'Purity', AM 84 species. Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Odontocidium un-named hybrid 'Sheila', AM 82 (prov) (Odm. Tribbles x Odm Bogong), Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Paphiopedilum Peacock Formal 'Ruby', AM 84 (Paph. Tuxedo Junction x Paph. Ruby Peacock), Exhibited by Japheth Ko

2/19/07 Pacific Central - Oakland

Odontoglossum gloriosum' x HCC75 species Steve Beckendorf

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Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to the new members who joined since the last announcement:

Marty & John Jonas from Benicia

Amanda Koslow from Livermore

Nancy & Jack Roberts from Pacheco

Jan & John Rubiales from Clayton

and past members Nina & Paolo Di Candia of Orchids Fiori D'Amore in Oakland who joined again.

Membership dues for 2007 are due!

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

This will be your last newsletter if you chose not to renew your membership.

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.

So far we have 89 members who paid dues for 2007

I am preparing the 2007 roster. If you want to have your name in the roster bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the general meeting at March 8th or send it by mail to:

Diablo View Orchid Society Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn 117 Laredo Ct San Ramon CA 94583-2116

membership@DVOS.org

Help!!!

Does anyone have access to, or own a laptop computer and a digital projector that can be used with a computer? Our speaker in April needs this in order to give his presentation, and our society does not own such equipment. If you can help out, please let me know.

Thanks, Eileen Jackson

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