

Diablo View Orchid Society

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October 2008



*At Our next meeting
October 9*

*Fred Clark will speak on **Catasetinae Species***

NEXT MEETING

Thur Oct. 9

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 22 of those years. With over 24 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received five FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging! Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Catasetum, *Cycnoches* and *Mormodes* are three related genera from the Tribe Cymbidieae. Individually, each has been considered an orchid oddity, or "botanical", of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect. These robust orchids are native to lowland tropical forests in Central and South America and are usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions.

Speaker's Dinner will be at [Pasta Pomodoro](#) located in Pleasant Hill at 45 Crescent Dr. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Fred Clark.

Members may preorder plants from Fred at a 10% discount, by ordering from <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com>

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Our speaker in September was Marni Turkel

To rest or not to rest? That is the question. The answer to the question was Marni Turkel's goal in her lecture to the Diablo View Orchid Society at the September meeting.

Which orchids require a winter dry rest and which orchids do not? Marni's answer to this question draws mainly from her personal research and trial and error with her own orchids. Research is your best clue when deciding which orchids should go without water in the winter months. Marni looks at the origins of an orchid species. Then she looks at the temperature and rainfall for that particular region of the world. If in the coolest months of the year there is also very little rainfall, then this is the environment you need to try to duplicate for that particular orchid species. Mexico is a good example. Large portions of Mexico are hot and rainy in the summer months and dry and cold in the winter. Orchids from this region of the world will require a dry rest in the winter to do their best.

The dry rest is usually November through April in California. Watering less often is not necessarily considered a dry rest. A good dry rest consists of no water at all with just a slight misting if the plant is shriveling.

In regards to fertilizer, Marni recommends that you decrease fertilization leading up to the dry rest. Then, during the dry rest, there should be no fertilizer at all. In the spring a gradual increase of fertilizer should be applied.

The following is Marni's list of orchids that she has found need a dry rest: Aerangis, Angraecum, Baptistonia, Barkeria, Bifrenaria, Calanthe, Coelogyne, Dendrobium (bensoniae, folconoss, jenkinsii), Encyclia, Laelia anceps, Lycaste, Neofinetia falcata, Oncidiums-some varieties, Phalaenopsis-some varieties, Polystachya, Rodriguezia, Rossioglossum, and Tricoglossum

Liz Charlton said it best at the end of the meeting. "I'm still not sure which orchids to rest or not to rest, but at least now I'm educated." I think a lot of us feel the same way Liz.

Thanks again Marni.



-Brad Piini

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Diablo View Orchid Society Show and Sale

"World Of Orchids"

October 18 & 19, (see flyer for times); Set Up: Oct 17th 3PM - 8PM

Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

membership@dvos.org

Greenhouse Tours:

Joe Grillo

Refreshments:

Linda Castleton

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Greeters:

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Raffles and Sales:

Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest

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SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show

Chairwoman:

Kathy Barrett

Our show continues its theme depicting orchids from around the world. We'll need club member's orchids to fill the display. Don't be shy! Without your orchids we'd stand in an empty room and stare at each other. Where's the fun in that? So Please bring in your orchids!

Kathy Barrett will demonstrate cleaning and staking for good display at 7:00 PM just before the start of the October meeting.

Set up night for the show is *eight days after* our meeting so you'll have some time to clean up your babies. Plants brought to the meeting will be taken to the show by Dave Tomassini, but please have them cleaned, staked and labelled with your name. Some plants its better for you to hold onto and bring to set up yourselves, one's that require certain conditions or that haven't quite opened to perfection yet. So bring those to set up day yourself. Set up day is Friday 10/17. We'll be at the Community Center from 3 to 8PM. (see map on flyer) Well. We have to be out of there by 8PM so get there earlier so we have time to label and arrange your plants.



G. pubescens

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If you can't make it to the meeting the general idea on cleaning your plants is: Preparing orchids for the show:

- 1) wipe any dust or water spots from the leaves with milk.
- 2) stake the flower so it 'looks at you'.
- 3) put your name on the pot
- 4) keep a list of the plants you bring in so you know what to pick up.
- 5) bring it to the community center on Friday OCT 17.

We will be there 3 to 8 PM.

I'll have the sign-up sheets for members to work at the show at the October meeting. Right now it looks like I have volunteers for the mornings but the afternoons look skimpy.

If you can help out you'll have my undying gratitude! I really want to beg members to participate in ribbon judging, too. Its a great way to learn and decision making isn't difficult. You can't make a wrong mistake. As a matter of fact the more people that participate the easier it is to decide. (weird, huh?) So please join us! Ribbon judging starts at 9AM on Saturday Oct 18th.

Members can sell orchids too! Brian Wraxall has sales labels for your plants at the October meeting and at set up 10/17. He'd like to have your sales plants ready and in place on set up day Friday 10/17, so they are ready for the opening crowds on Saturday, so don't delay getting labels from Brian. Remember we all have to share space, so members are limited to 25 plants or an area about 3x3. The club takes 25% of the proceeds, so price accordingly! We'll be there 3 to 8PM on Oct 17.

Bring this I.D. tag with any plant you are selling, to the drop off on Fri. Oct 17

CODE _____	PRICE \$ _____
PLANT NAME: _____	
COLOR _____	
TEMP RANGE <input type="checkbox"/> warm <input type="checkbox"/> intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> cool	
SELLER _____	

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Awarded Plants in September

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

Pleasant Hill

Diablo Orchids

Huei-Mei Chen &
Gregory Mayfield
(925) 946-9740
www.diabloorchids.com

1st *Ascda.* Anant Gold

Noble Emery

2nd *Eplc.* Mae Bly 'Emy'

Ken Cook

3rd *Blc.* Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight'

Parky Parkison



Blc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight'



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)

G. pubescens

George McRae

Beginner's Corner:

Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani'

George Cooper

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Oct 4 - 5: D&D Flowers Inventory Reduction Sale
Oct 9: Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids on
Catasetinae Species and their Cultivation
Before the meeting, 7 pm Kathy Barrett will demonstrate how to
prepare your plants for the Club Show
Oct 17: **Set-up for DVOS Show & Sale**
3pm - 8pm (Pizza will be provided) Member plants for sale MUST
arrive Friday night, not during the show
Oct 18 - 19: **DVOS Show & Sale: ribbon and AOS judging 9am**
Show 10 - 5 (- 4 Sun)
Oct 24: Peninsula Orchid Society annual auction - both silent and live
<http://d.penorchidsoc.org/category/auction/items>
Nov 13: Ron Parsons on Bulbophyllums
Mar 5 - 8: POE Gala, Show & Sale
Mar 20 - 22: Santa Barbara Show
& Sale



Eplc. Mae Bly 'Emy'

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Refreshments for the October Meeting

Cookies: Kathi Ames, Charis Anderson,
Melissa Sadler, George McRae, Phyllis
Arthur, Dennis Olivas

Beverages: Nancy & Ted McClellan,
Raul de Leon

Ice: No one signed-up. If you can bring ice,
please do.

***Please bring baked goods CUT into
serving size pieces.***

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

The next Board Meeting

October 23rd at 7:30 p.m. will be
at the Tomassini home.

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Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to Sheila Scott from Alamo who joined DVOS in August and Elizabeth & Rudy De Los Reyes from Vallejo and Paula La Pointe from Crockett, who joined in September. This increased the DVOS membership to 101.

If you still don't have a copy of the 2008 roster and would like one, see me at the October meeting or send me a message.

Ulrike Ahlborn Diablo View Orchid Society * Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership Chair * 202 Gaucho Ct * San Ramon * CA 94583

www.membership@DVOS.org

Inventory reduction sale at D & D Flowers

Fall Open House on October 4th and 5th, 2008, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be specials on hundreds of good plants at \$7.50 each.

We are located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be awarded to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday October 5th. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in May of 2009
Mahalo!

- Dennis



Ascda. Anant Gold

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AOS Awards September 2008

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

9/02/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Supplemental Center

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii 'Christopher John', CCM 85 species
Exhibited by Steve Beckendorf

Paphiopedilum xpradhanii 'Kate's Baby', CBR (prov)
(*Paph. fairrieanum* x *Paph. venustum*),
Exhibited by Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Culbertson

9/03/08 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

Catasetum fimbriatum 'Sierra Vista', HCC 77 species
Exhibited by Curtis Gean

Paphiopedilum bratrizianum 'Margaux', HCC 78 species
Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

9/13/08 - Sacramento Orchid Forum Show - Sacramento

Dendrochilum magnum 'Mary Pollard', CCM 80 species, Exhibited by Dick and Donna Murrill

Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi var. *alba* 'Nicholas', HCC 76 species, Exhibited by Vivian Sellers

Vandachostylis unnamed hybrid 'Mameha', HCC 79 (prov), (*V. coerulea* x *Rhyv. Claire Florist*), Exhibited by Jeff Tyler

9/15/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland

no awards

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

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



Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani'