

Diablo View Orchid Society

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May 2009



*At Our next meeting
May 14*

Plant Nutrition by David Neal of Dyna-Gro

Known as Dr. Dyna-Gro, Dave Neal's presentation will emphasize the nutritional requirements of all plants, with analyses of the needs of some specific orchid genera. He will talk about the elements essential for plant nutrition. When David talks about *elements*, he mean the real thing. He will reference the *Periodic Table* as he describes plant culture.

Anyone wishing to purchase Dyna-Gro products will have the opportunity after the meeting. Dave will bring primarily quart and gallon sizes of Grow, Bloom & Pro-TeKt as well as the 8 oz size of KLN. He will also bring 40 liter bags of Dyna-Rok II and neat watering cans with the easy to use pump topped bottle of Dyna-Gro attached. Members are welcome to place a specific order in advance. Anyone wanting 5 gallon sizes, should pre-order. He will accept credit cards, checks or cash. See Dave's website at <http://www.dyna-gro.com>

Speaker's Dinner will be at Manga Bene, 1170 Arnold Dr #116 (in the strip mall.) at 5:30. 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 DVOS. Among the plants to be raffled, are some that were recently donated by former member Tomi Matthews.



NEXT MEETING

Thur. May 14th

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
Concord
www.diabloviewos.org

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Our speaker in April was

Amy Chung-Jacobson

Amy Jacobsen was the featured speaker for our April meeting. Amy is an enthusiastic and very knowledgeable speaker and was a delight to listen to. The topic of discussion was *Laelia anceps*.

Laelia anceps is native to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. It was first discovered by Lindley in 1835. These orchids are usually found in nature in the canopy of the oak forests. The oaks are deciduous and, with the dropping of their leaves in the winter, allow more light to reach the orchids.

There are many different color forms of *Laelia anceps*. If you look on the name tags the following is your key to deciphering the language.

Mendenhall form = light lavender to dark lavender
veitchiana form = blue (coerulea for other orchids)

alba = white

delicata form = light pink

Ileana form = white with pink lip

lineata = feathering and dark form

peloric = trilip

Guatemala = small flowers with light pink round petals

Culturally, *Laelia anceps* require medium to bright light but not full sun. If you grow them outdoors they require a 30% shade cloth until November then no shade cloth at all for December, January and February. *Laelias* require frequent watering in the summer, but they require protection from the rain in the winter months when it's cold. In their native environment *Laelias* get 50 to 80 inches of rain annually, but it's almost all in the summer time. In our California environment, you need to water two to three times per week in the summer.



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DVOS Show

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Membership News

The 2009 roster is now available.

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

www.membership@DVOS.org

C. Fordyce Prelude 'Peninsula' AM/AOS x
Blc. Love Sound 'Dogashima' AM/AOS



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April – Is it Spring Yet?

Ron McHatton, Director of Education, AOS

http://aos.informz.net/aos/archives/archive_298721.html

Follow this link to the AOS online article about what your orchids want in April.

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DVOS Commercial Members

Danville

Commercial Plant Services

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

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D & D Flowers

Dennis Olivas
62 Oceanside Dr.
(925) 696 -1246
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Huei-Mei Chen &
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(925) 946-9740
www.diabloorchids.com

D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale

Located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile 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.

May 2nd and 3rd 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.

For every \$25 you spend, we will have you enter your club of choice, for a raffle plant table.

Last fall's sale the Napa Valley Orchid Society won this prize.

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Awarded Plants in April

DVOS
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Livermore
Fordyce Orchids
Frank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

Pleasant Hill
Orchid Gulch
Liz Charlton &
Jamie Wasson
104 Brandon Rd.
(925) 818-3600
by appointment

1st *Cym.* Not 'Red
Beauty'
Akiko Ogawa

2nd *C.* Fordyce Prelude
'Peninsula' AM/AOS x *Blc.* Love
Sound 'Dogashima'
Bernice Lindner



3rd *V.* Meg Laughlin x Agatha
Motes 'Maui Spots'
Ken Cook

Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature)
Ophrys scolopax
George Cooper
(see P.8 for more about how
George grows these)

Cym. Not 'Red Beauty'

A Reminder: Plants need to be on the show table by 7:15 pm so they can be grouped by genus.

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Congratulations!

to Phyllis Arthur for winning Third Place for a quilted wall hanging in the 2009 AOS Juried Quilt Challenge and Sale. Her quilt will be hanging at the AOS building in Delray Beach until the 3rd of May.

Wild Thing



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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- May 2-3 D&D Flowers sale in Half Moon Bay (see page 4)
May 8-10: Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Sale
(inc. CSA judging) www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com
May 30: Express Orchid Exhibition (AOS judging), San Jose
<http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/86091021-4th-annual-express-orchid-exhibition>
Jun 11 *Sexual Deception among the Orchids* by Steve Beckendorf
Aug 8: The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center is holding a
Speaker's Day <http://www.csnjc.org> (P. 9)
Aug 22: Annual DVOS BBQ. We will not hold a regular meeting in
August.
Sept 10 *Growing Orchids and Conserving Energy Year 'Round*
by Dennis Olivas
Oct 16-18: DVOS annual Show & Sale

See what is available in our library:

www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm

To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

Refreshments for the May Meeting

Cookies: George Cooper, Madge Fordyce, Parky Parkison, Brad Piini
Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Bernice Lindner, Rita Tischler

Ice:

The next Board Meeting

will be on May 21st at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Parky and Nancy
Parkison.



V. Meg Laughlin x Agatha Motes 'Maui Spots'

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Growing Orchis Terrestrial Orchids

by George Cooper

Orchis morio is from what I would call 'field turf' in a western European context, whereas *O. coriophora* is from Greece. In this case, *O. coriophora* may have been in a wet hillside seep during winter but was totally dried out by early summer. (Books say it comes from a damp environment, but I didn't see this myself)

In any event, I grow both in a regular loam, such as you would get by digging up a patch of turf and then sieving out the grass and roots and adding a small amount of peat to lighten it up just a little.

I believe that the key is to get the seasonal changes right. The season begins in August with a little light watering. The tubers start growing after a short rest, but the new shoots are under the surface for a while. They will start growing in totally dry soil so the trick is to hold them back so they don't start out too early and burn, but at the same time, don't get them wet too early and start rot.

Until the new growth comes above the surface, the objective should only to be to keep the tubers from drying out entirely. For me the shoots are visible in late Aug to mid Sept. The active growth period is fall, winter and spring, so keep the soil damp during this period. You should get a good rosette of leaves by mid winter. Let the growth continue with damp but not wet conditions until the flowers come out. My *O morio* are in flower right now, and *O coriophora* are forming buds. Let the plants flower, and then let them dry out. In CA they have never formed seed, but they did in Europe. I have been tempted to keep the watering going on too long, to try to get the maximum food into the new tubers, but there is a big risk of having the new tubers rot - the old tubers die and decompose and they may start rot in the new growth. Die back should be complete by May. At that point, I de-pot completely to separate the new tubers from the old, and separate any doubles. I then replant, and leave the pots to sleep until it gets cooler - watering starts again in Aug. *O morio* tends to wake up earlier; my *O coriophora* are from Greece, as I said, when the rain doesn't start till later. Since the CA sun is very strong, I tend to grow both in slight shade. Another useful thing is to put 1/2 inch or so of 1/4 inch or less granite chips over the top of the soil. This stops the soil from baking out. If you think of the natural environment, both plants grow in turf, so for the first couple of inches above soil line, the environment is very humid, but where the flowers form is out in full sun. Keeping bare earth damp but not wet is difficult if the soil surface is exposed to the sun.

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Presents a
Speaker's Day

Saturday August 8, 2009
Oddfellow's Building
1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden
Sacramento, Ca 95838

Featuring

Roy Tokunaga H&R Nurseries *Understanding Dendrobiums, their variety & culture*

Ron Mc Hatton Director of Education for the American Orchid Society
Simplified Orchid Genetics for the General Grower

Carlos Fighetti President of the American Orchid Society *Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis*
American Orchid Society Judging *See how we do it!*

Break out sessions with culture talks on Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums,
miniature orchids, Paphiopediums and Cattleyas

Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants even FCC's

Plants for sale with 10% of all plant sales donated to the American Orchid Society

Vendors are D&D Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Gold Country Orchids & H.P. Norton

General admission - **\$15.00**

Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJC) or AOS members - **\$5.00**

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AOS Awards April 2009

4/07/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Lycaste Chita Sunset 'Winston', AM 81 (Lyc. Shoalhaven x Lyc. Wyld Sunset), by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Masdevallia ignea 'Tetra Carmine', HCC 79 species, by Golden Gate Orchids

Masdevallia lucernula 'Elle Ronis', CCM 88 species, by Ron Parsons

Paph. Fumi's Delight 'Maplethorpe', AM 83 (Paph. micranthum x Paph. armeniacum). by George Stagi

Paphiopedilum liemianum 'Kate's Surprise', AM 80 species, by Mr & Mrs TW Culbertson

4/01/09 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento
<http://www.csnjc.org>

Cattleya intermedia 'San Carlos', AM 86 species, by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Cattleya intermedia var. orlata 'Exeter', HCC 79 species, by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Cattleya intermedia var. orlata 'Winston', AM 82 species, by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Leptotes bicolor 'Big Ben', CCM 87 and HCC 78 species, by Gold Country Orchids

Paph. Fumi's Delight 'Nova', AM 83 (Paph. micranthum x Paph. armeniacum), by Richard F. Buchter

Vascocenda Roll on Red 'Red Hots', AM 81 (Vasco. Crownfox Red Gem x Ascda. Peggy Foo), by Dennis Wa

4/04/09 - Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show

Paphiopedilum Lady Isabel 'Sierra Vista', AM 82 (Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. stonei), by Curtis Gean

4/18/09 - Sacramento Orchid Society Show

Epidendrum Pacific Sizzle 'Delicious', AM 80 (Epi. Pacific Girl x Epi. Hokulea), by Cal-Orchids

Paph. Zellwood Station 'Cabernet', HCC 77 (Paph. Macabre x Paph. Red Shift), by Dave Sorokowsky

Sarcochilus hartmanii 'Moon Shadow', HCC 77 species, by Dennis Olivas



Ophrys scolopax

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett