

Diablo View Orchid Society

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October 2009

*At Our next meeting
October 8th
Plant Nutrition
by David Neal of Dyna-Gro*



NEXT MEETING
Thur. Oct 8th
5:30 Speaker's Dinner
7:30 Meeting Begins
8:00 Presentation

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

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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



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Our speaker in September was Dennis Olivas

DVOS Board Members:

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Our own Dennis Olivas was the September D.V.O.S. speaker. The topic was "How To Grow Orchids And Save Energy At The Same Time".

Most of the saving energy part of this speech was based on Dennis's personal experience at his own greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. Twelve years ago, in the dead of winter, the heater in Dennis's greenhouse had gone out. He immediately invoked the GOD principle to his orchids. "GOD", for the uninitiated, stands for "grow or die". Dennis's heater to this day is still broken and his orchids that remain are thriving.

So how can you grow orchids in your personal conditions, be it a greenhouse, outdoors, windowsill, under lights, full, semi, or complete shade? Dennis takes his cues from nature. Orchids are found on every continent in the world except Antarctica. This covers just about every temperature, humidity, sunlight and rainfall spectrum you could ever create in your household. Orchids grow from sea level to 13,000 feet in the Peruvian Andes. This means that there are orchids that will adapt to your growing conditions.

If your conditions are considered subtropical consider Angrecoids and cymbidiums. For semi-arid climates think Mexican Laelias. In the Bay Area, Laelias can be grown outdoors all year round, saving energy. For high humidity areas consider vandas. For cool climates consider cologene, cymbidiums and paphiopedilum.

Almost all orchids will adapt as long as they are not over watered. The winter months are the true test of your growing ability. You need to cut back on the watering! Most orchids have pseudobulbs to retain moisture and many species need a winter rest and do better with minimum water. If the temperature goes down below 45 degrees the orchids will do fine as long as the plants are not wet. Only water when the daytime temperature in the winter is expected to get up to 60 degrees by the afternoon.

For plants that need it cool in the summer, the answer is the wick system. This involves placing the orchid inside a clay pot then putting this pot inside another clay pot. Then put the entire double pot system in a tray of water. The water evaporation through the terracotta pot will keep the orchid cool and humid.

Thanks for the great tips Dennis. We always enjoy it when you share your knowledge. - Brad Piini

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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

membership@dvos.org

Greenhouse Tours:

Parky Parkison

Refreshments:

Linda Castleton

Bernice Lindner

Madge Fordyce

Melissa Sadler

Greeters:

Sharon Duffy

Jill Chambers

Bernice Lindner

Raffles and Sales:

Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest

Representative:

Brian Wraxall

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairman:

Dennis Olivas

Diablo View Orchid Society Show and Sale

"World Of Orchids"

Set Up: Oct 16th 3pm - 7pm Show: October 17 & 18

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!

Set up night for the show is *seven 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 (on the bottom) and the plant's name on a tag. Some plants are better if you to hold onto them and bring them to set up yourselves. This includes those 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 10/16. We'll be at the Community Center (see map on postcard) from 3 to 7 pm. We have to be out of the room by 8 PM, so **PLANTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 7 PM.**

Plants must arrive clean, disease free, and labeled.

Sign-up sheets for members to work at the show will be at the October meeting. Everyone should plan to help with set-up, clean-up, or during the show. If you are selling your personal plants you need to work a minimum of two hours during the show.

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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

Pleasant Hill

Diablo Orchids

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

Members can sell orchids from their personal collections. We will have sales labels for your plants at the October meeting and at set up 10/16. Please have your sales plants ready and in place on set up day Friday 10/1 no later than 7 PM. Remember we all have to share space, so members are limited to 25 plants or an area about 3'x3'. The club takes 25% of the proceeds, so price accordingly!

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 (bottom)
- 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 16 between 3 and 7 PM.
or bring them to the meeting on Oct. 8th.
- 6) Each plant must have an identification ID tag.



Den. laevifolium alba form

Bring this I.D. tag with any plant you are selling,
to the drop off on Fri. Oct 16 by 7 PM

CODE _____ PRICE \$ _____

PLANT NAME: _____

COLOR _____

TEMP RANGE warm intermediate cool

SELLER _____

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

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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

Orchid Wiz

software for orchid growers
www.orchidwiz.com

- Oct 3 **California Orchids Fall Sale 9am-4 pm 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas**
Oct 8: ***Plant Nutrition* by David Neal of Dyna-Gro**
Oct 10: **Anna Chai, AOS judge, will be holding an open greenhouse
2508 Sherbourne Drive, Belmont, 94002.**
Oct 10-11: **Dan Newman, of Hanging Gardens will be holding an open greenhouse
and sale <http://www.hanginggardens.org>**
Oct 16-18: **DVOS annual Show & Sale at the Pleasant Hill Community Ctr,
320 Civic Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA**
Oct 23: **Peninsula Orchid Society auction San Mateo Garden Ctr 605 Parkside
Way, San Mateo - 6pm Preview, 7 pm Auction Paul Reeve 650-366-3251**
Nov 12: ***Maxillarias and Encyclias* by Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids**
Dec 10: **Christmas Party**

The next Board Meeting

will be on Oct. 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Alice and David
Tomassini

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

Refreshments for the Oct Meeting

Cookies: Nancy & Ted McClellan, Melissa Sadler, David Shaw, Diana Vavrek, Jill Chambers

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Jinnie Tom, Bernice Lindner

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Awarded Plants in September

Newsletter:

Liz Charlton
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dvosnews@gmail.com

Webmaster:

Nick Doe
Ulrike Ahlborn

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1st *Paph. lantha* Stage 'Dry Creek'

Brian Wraxall

2nd *Ascda. Anant Gold*

Noble Emery

3rd *Paph. Transdoll*

Ken Cook



Lancer Smith:

(species or miniature orchids)

Dendrobium laevifolium
alba form

Ted McClellan

Ascda. Anant Gold

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Every ticket is a winner at October's raffle

The DVOS Board was able to purchase a very nice assortment of plants from Carmela Orchids for next month's raffle table. All are quality plants in 4" pots - all have buds. There are 22 Cattleya, 12 Onc., 1 Phal, 4 Dens., 2 Vandas. We will sell 41 tickets for \$10 each.

Every ticket is a guaranteed winner!



Paph. lantha Stage



Membership News

We have 80 members as of October 1, 2009.

Welcome new members Tom Pickford and Doris.

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

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Hello All,

I am Jennifer English's daughter Allison. I have come to several of your orchid society meetings as recently as June. As many of you know my Mom passed away on July 16th peacefully at home. I have sent these pictures and to the DVOC to share with you her new garden. I picked up these emails from a few previous emails mom had on her account. Please feel free to forward these pictures to anyone whom might like them. Her obituary is in the CCTimes and the SF Chronicle- under Susan English- her given name. I wish to thank everyone for their cards and calls- My Mother loved the Orchid society and most of all her orchids.

Her memorial was on August 22 and strangely enough there was not a yellow jacket in sight- odd since they were swarming up until 12pm and a cool ocean breeze came -another oddity since it was stifling earlier and it rained with fog on the sunday. Some could say she had her wish. It was truly a beautiful day.

Thank you all again for being able to share her passion of orchids- it meant the world to her.

Sincerely,
Allison English

These pictures
below are of



her new garden



her view



the big picture
looking to Hood
Mountain

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AOS Awards September 2009

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

9/1/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

No Awards

9/2/09 - CSNJC Sacramento

Habenaria medusae 'Joan', HCC 77, Exhibited by Howard Gunn

9/21/09 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Habenaria radiata 'Pope John Paul II', AM 81, Exhibited by Anna S Chai

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

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

Amy and Ken Jacobsen gave me images from a show in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. You can find those via the 'Other Judging Locales' link of the Pac Central home page or from the 'award index' link.



Paph. transdoll

Got a great Orchid Photo?

Agdia will soon be releasing our October issue of Orchid Quarterly, and we need your help! Within every issue we publish a new photo in our Featured Photo segment. The photo is used not only to give the photographer some publicity for his or her great work, but we also publish a trivia question that relates to the photo that gives our subscribers an opportunity to receive free product!

If you have a photo that you would like to see published in our newsletter, please upload it by emailing it to orchids@agdia.com. When uploading, please provide us with the species of orchid in the photo and any other information you feel is unique about your orchid. Examples might include region of origin, symptoms of a disease, etc. Once your photo is selected for publication, we will notify you and send you a copy of the newsletter before it is made available to the public.