

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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April 2011

at Our next meeting Thursday, April 14th

## Growing Maxillarias presented by Dan Newman

*Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and "orchid mentor", Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (it's hard to maintain warm conditions in Pacifica!). This number includes a few hybrids, but the great majority are species. He also grows a variety of "companion plants", that share the natural habitats of orchids.*

*Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on a variety of topics for the Diablo View Orchid Society and other horticultural groups in California and elsewhere.*

**Next Meeting:**  
Thur. April 14th  
7:30- 10:00 p.m.

Contra Costa Waster District  
Building Board Room  
1331 Concord Blvd.  
Concord Ca.  
Map:

[www.dvos.org/About/map.htm](http://www.dvos.org/About/map.htm)

There will be no speaker's dinner this month.

Plant table will be provided by Dan Newman

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## Bruce Rogers was our speaker in March



Marital advice and “How To Discern a Great Sobralia” were the topics of discussion for our March guest speaker, Bruce Rodgers.

Bruce *whipped*, with a capital “W”, through 350 slides during his 45 minute lecture. The slides went so fast it was almost like watching a motion picture. What did we learn? We learned that Sobralias can produce some very large flowers with colored lips. The flowers can be as wide as a dollar bill and each stem can produce up to ten flowers. The down side is that most plants are large and the flowers typically last only one day. Through Bruce’s efforts in hybridizing they are breeding more compact plants, with flowers that can last up to nine days. Culturally, most Sobralias can withstand temperatures as low as 48 degrees, with some tolerating temperatures as low as 30 degrees. They are usually potted in fine bark, lava rock, moss, or sphagnum moss. They will acclimate to full sun, but are usually raised under shade cloth. To properly care for your Sobralia orchids you need to utilize a fertilizer with trace elements. To increase your production of blooms use Blossom Booster.

Now for the marital advice. Bruce tells his wife..... Correction, his wife tells him, to keep her happy she wants him to sell some of the orchids and make more money so that she can do more things like travel, get a bigger house or provide her with a larger diamond ring. Bruce's response is "it's really all about love baby, isn't it?" For those of you that did not attend Berkeley in the 70's, this is a line that we all learned during our first year at the University of California. After the group drinking or group drug experimentation was over and you paired off, this was your newly learned go-to line. Trust me, we all used it and it worked well in combination with the beer. Bruce should have learned by now that to satisfy your mate **MONEY**, not **LOVE**, is what "it" is mostly about. For those of you that are low on money, you may want to settle for a fine glass full of red Sobralia . I've heard it can make everybody feel the love!

-Brad Piini



*Den. Berry*

### *Wealth of Orchid Varieties Is Down to Busy Bees and Helpful Fungi*

Scientists have discovered why orchids are one of the most successful groups of flowering plants -- it is all down to their relationships with the bees that pollinate them and the fungi that nourish them.

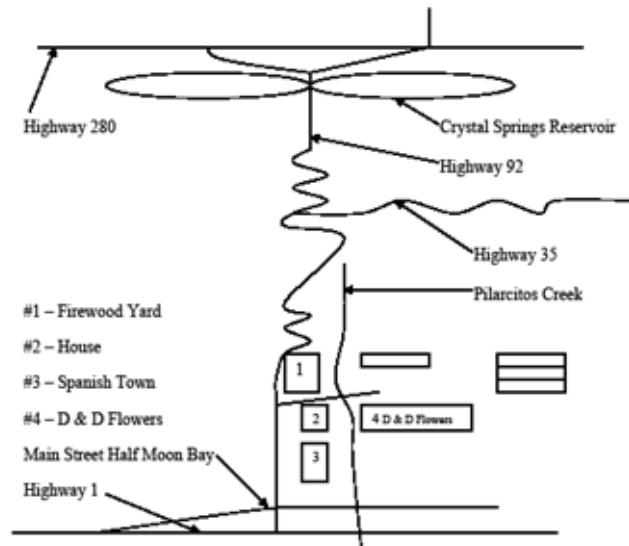
The study, published February 1 in the American Naturalist, is the culmination of a ten-year research project. Read this fascinating article at:

[www.sciencedaily.com](http://www.sciencedaily.com)

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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.

**D & D Flowers**  
Half Moon Bay (925) 969-1246

**Spring Open House**  
May 14 & 15, 2011  
9:00 AM to 3 PM

D & D Flowers is not open to the public except for our bi-annual open house events

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve. We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

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 award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in October of 2011.



**Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset**  
**'Showtime' HCC/AOS**

***Cymbidium* Liquidation**  
**(Bulk Buy x Overstock)**



## Carmel Valley Garden Show

May 7-8 9am-4pm  
Mother's Day Weekend

**FREE**

42nd Annual Garden Show  
Presented by the Carmel Orchid  
Society, The Carmel Valley Gar-  
den Association, and Hidden Valley  
Music Seminars

Location:  
Hidden Valley Music Seminars  
88 West Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel  
Valley (11 Mi E of Hwy 1)

For more information:  
[www.cvgardenshow.com](http://www.cvgardenshow.com)

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## Orchid Greenhouse Tour

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

Saturday April 23, 2011

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Six Greenhouses Open for your Enjoyment and Learning  
Please visit them in any order at your convenience, 9 a.m. to  
2 p.m. Come see and enjoy hundreds of orchids in bloom in  
our member greenhouses. Learn local growing methods.  
See how the experts do it. Buy beautiful flowers!

Bud Segraves, 115 LuRay Drive (off Blossom Hill Road) Los Gatos, 408-356-8435  
Bud grows all kinds of orchids, has used his engineering expertise in greenhouse  
features. Orchids for sale—Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and many others.  
Ed Nazzal, 1487 Montelegre (near Camden) San Jose 95120, 408/268-3573 Ed does  
beautifully with orchids in a small greenhouse and outdoors—orchids for sale.  
Eanghak Quach, 459 Savstrom Way, San Jose 95111, 408-316-4320 Eanghak  
specializes in unusual cymbidiums, seedlings and outdoor orchids. Cymbidiums,  
Cattleyas and other outdoor Orchids for sale. Special prices! Open until 5:00.

Angelic Nguyen, 1361 Plum Street (near Almaden & Alma) San Jose 95110,  
408-476-7153 Angelic loves big Cattleyas, Vandas and Australian Dendrobiums.  
For sale—Cattleyas, Vandas, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Laelias—cool to warm  
Species & Hybrids. Open until 5:00.

Tanya Lam, 2096 Mandelay Place (off Yerba Buena) San Jose 95138, 408-826-  
1101 Tanya has a collection of many long-lasting and frequent blooming orchids.  
Many fine Cattleya hybrid divisions, Bulbophyllum species, Cymbidium, and lots of  
orchid-growing supplies for sale. Open until 5:00pm.

Al & Doris Testa, 3257 Fowler Ave, Santa Clara 95051, 408-243-7788 Al & Doris  
have been growing orchids for over 35 years. They are now downsizing con-  
siderably and have many orchids for sale. Take advantage of their downsizing!

## San Jose Orchid Exposition #6

San Jose Japantown June 3-5

Location: Miraido Village Club House,  
550 N. Sixth St., San Jose, CA 95112

More info: 408.623.0413

Website: [www.realorchidgrowers.com](http://www.realorchidgrowers.com)

Facebook page: Real Orchid Growers

- June 3: Preview Night-5:30pm-9:30pm: Orchid Conservation Alliance Fundraiser (100% contribution of \$10.00 admission per person to OCA) Vendors pay the sales tax this evening, reception food, wine tasting, special guest speaker
- June 4: Orchid Sales & Skill Sessions-9:00am-6:00pm: free admission, wine tasting, skill sessions, comp orchid drawing based on purchase of orchid following each skill session
- June 5: Orchid Sales & Skill Sessions-10:00am-5:00pm: free admission, wine tasting, skill sessions, comp orchid drawing based on purchase of orchid following each skill session

# Upcoming Speakers and Events

- April 14:** Dan Newman will speak on Maxillarias
- April 21:** DVOS Board Meeting at the home of Eileen Jackson
- April 23:** Six Open Greenhouse Tour and Sale Santa Clara Valley (p.6)
- May 7-8:** Carmel Valley Garden Show (P.5)
- May 14-15:** D&D Flowers Open House and Sale - Half Moon Bay (p.4)
- June 3-5:** San Jose Orchid Exposition Show and Sale (p. 6)

*Paph. Snowbird*  
'Opalescence' AM/AOS



*Refreshments for the April Meeting will be provided by:*

## **FOOD:**

*Food must be cut into servings*

Marcia Hart  
Barbara Ungersma  
George Cooper  
D & A Tomassini  
Casey & Carol Campbell

## **DRINKS:**

Jim & Grace Chan  
Carol Stransborger

## **ICE:**

Melissa Sadler

## **SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:**

Barbara Ungersma (set up)  
Karen Piini (clean up)

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## Awards DVOS March



*Bulb. echinolabium*



*Masd. Annette  
Hall 'Blazer' x  
Masd. Falcon  
Sunrise 'Red  
Tide'*

### Advanced

- 1st *Masd. Annette Hall 'Blazer' x Masd. Falcon Sunrise 'Red Tide'* Ken Cook  
2nd *Paph. Snowbird 'Opalescence'* AM/AOS  
Diana Vavrek  
3rd *Den. hainanense* Ken Cook

### Intermediate

- 1st *Lc. Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers'*  
Linda Castleton  
2nd *Bulb. echinolabium* Eileen Jackson  
3rd *Cym. Liquidation (Bulk Buy x Overstock)*  
George Cooper

### Novice

- 1st *Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'*  
HCC/AOS Yunar Peralta  
2nd *Coel. mossiae* Miki Ichiyanagi  
3rd *Den. Berry* Melissa Sadler

### Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Clo. Alaena Lawson 'Lanies Warm Fuzzies'*  
AM/AOS x *Ctsm. Frilly Doris 'SVO'* Ken Cook



*Membership News*  
courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,  
Membership Chair  
[membership@dvos.org](mailto:membership@dvos.org)

**Please welcome new members**

Walt James & Ethel Higgins from Hayward

Carol Stausborger from Vallejo

**2011 Dues are now past due**

General Members \$20

Commercial Members \$25

Lifetime Members \$300

If you are unable to receive the newsletter by email and need a B&W copy mailed to you, there is an additional \$10 charge for copying and postage.

New Member/ Renewal application:

[dvos.org/About/membersh.htm](http://dvos.org/About/membersh.htm)



*Den. hainanense*

*Diablo View Orchid Society*

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## AOS Corner

By Lynn Fuller

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As I write this, the Philadelphia International Flower Show has just finished. The American Orchid Society participated in this show for the first time in 56 years. The Philadelphia Horticultural Society, the sponsor of this show was almost as excited to have us there as we were to be there. Some undisputed facts of this show are that it is the oldest and largest indoor garden show in the United States, if not the world; last year's attendance was over 249,000 over its 8 day opening and this year's show beat all prior attendance records. AOS would not have had such a strong showing had it not been for the area affiliated societies, the many trustees and national volunteers of the AOS, in particular Chris Rehmann (AOS President), Barbara Noe (AOS Membership Chair), Michael Bowell (Designer of the exhibit and owner of Create A Scene, as well as Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society member), Jeff Bradley (Houston Orchid Society) who planted the seed for the exhibit and started the conversation with Philadelphia Horticultural Society and many others who flew (at their own expense) to Philadelphia from afar. AOS affiliated society members were asked to be part of it and they responded with orchids, plants, ideas and volunteers for design, set up, tear down, membership recruitment, manning our exhibit; talking about and answering all kinds of questions about orchids. It was a collaborative activity and we created an exhibit that you would all be proud of. The exhibit received a number of awards, but most coveted ones were the two daily PNC People's Choice Awards! A large majority of the visitors of our exhibit had at least one orchid at some point. Just a testament to our common passion. Our volunteers talked at length to them about the benefits of the local societies, the American Orchid Society and the wealth of information that would be available to them if they reached out to them and joined us. Be on the lookout for more details about your exhibit and the show in a future issue of Orchids.

The purpose of me bringing up the Philadelphia International Flower Show and its success is two-fold. First, if there is a special event that would warrant special attention to promote AOS, get in touch with AOS and explore the possibility of an AOS presence. It is a great way to engage any regional affiliated societies. Secondly, if you have hosted an exhibit, participated in a show or have any report, photographs, or comments, I would like to start posting them on the AOS Forum. We need to pat ourselves on the back occasionally and that would be a great way to share our successes. For instructions on how to post to the AOS Forum, visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org). Participating in that forum is another benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society.

## DVOS Officers 2011

**President:** Liz Charlton  
**Immediate Past President:** Eileen Jackson  
**Vice-President:** George McRae  
**Treasurer:** Brian Wraxall  
**Secretary:** Rodney Kline  
**Board Members:** Brad Piini, Karen Piini,  
Ken Cook, Jamie Wasson, Parky Parkison

**Membership:** Ulrike Ahlborn [membership@dvos.org](mailto:membership@dvos.org)  
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**Greenhouse Tours:** Parky Parkison  
**Refreshments:** vacant  
**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

## Commercial Members

### Commercial Plant Services

David & Alice Tomassini, 3 Woodside Ct., Danville, (925)  
736-7630  
[atomassini@aol.com](mailto:atomassini@aol.com)

### White Oak Orchids, Inc.

Sales and Boarding, 1204 Linda Mar Blve., (650) 355-8767  
[www.whiteoakorchids.com](http://www.whiteoakorchids.com)

### California Orchids

Mary Nisbet, 515 Aspen Rd.  
Bollinas, (415) 868-0203  
[www.californiaorchids.com](http://www.californiaorchids.com)



*Clo.* Alaena Lawson 'Lanie's  
Warm Fuzzies' AM/AOS x  
*Ctsm.* Frilly Doris 'SVO'

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## AOS Awards March 2011

### California Sierra Nevada Judging Center Sacramento March 2nd 2011

Cattleya Pacific Splash 'Jocelyn', HCC 75  
(C. sincorana x C. Dorothy Warne), Exhibited by James Morris

Dendrobium Aussie Parade 'Carrot Splash', HCC 75  
(Den. Aussie Ira x Den. Star of Gold), Exhibited by James Morris

Paphiopedilum vietnamense 'Chunky', AM 84  
species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi fma. sanguinea 'Red Devil', AM 80 (prov) species,  
Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Fresno - Central California Orchid Society Show - 3/12/2011

Paphiopedilum Heart of Gold 'Fay', AM 82  
(Paph. Carat Gold x Paph. Golden Acres), Exhibited by Robert and Fay Sun



Lc. Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers'

### *Orchid Pests and Diseases*

This presentation on orchid pests and diseases contains lots of pictures of orchids afflicted with various problems to assist you in diagnosing problems: <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/OrchidPestsandDiseasesbySueBottom.pdf> Orchid Diseases by Genus lists symptoms of various orchid diseases: <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/OrchidDiseasesbyGenus.pdf>