

A decorative background image on the left side of the page shows several pink orchids in clear glass vases. The orchids are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The vases are tall and slender, and the background is a soft, light pink color.

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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October 2012

at Our next meeting **Thursday, Oct. 11th**

## **Ramon de los Santos will speak on Philippine Orchids**

Ramon de los Santos is best known in the USA as an AOS award photographer. His photos have been widely enjoyed in the AOS calenders, 'Orchids' magazine and the California Sierra Nevada webpage. But Ramon is also known for his association with the Philippine Orchid Society where he was secretary for several years. This month we will discuss orchids from the Philippines, mostly because one day I was going through my collection and realized how many were from the Philippines... Phals are from the Philippines, Dendrochilums are from the Philippines, Dendrobiums are from the Philippines, Paphs are from the Philippines... I mean really. What an under appreciated place. Ramon will discuss the microclimates of the Philippines and how it effects our orchids.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Thur. Oct. 11th**  
7:30- 10:00 p.m.

Contra Costa Waster District  
Board Room  
1331 Concord Ave.  
Concord Ca.

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

Plant table will be provided by D&D Orchids.

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## Sergio Garcia was our speaker in September

Sergio Garcia was our speaker at the DVOS September meeting. Sergio spoke on the topic of Brazilian Orchids, the varieties of *Laelia Purpurata*.

The *Laelia Purpurata* orchid is named according to three characteristics. First there are the varieties named after the color of the orchid's flower. Next, there are those that are named depending on the shape of the color that appears on the lip of the orchid's flower. Finally, there are those *L. Purpurata* that are named depending on the shape of the color appearing on the petals of the flower. There are priorities when naming a *L. Purpurata*. The color of the orchid always supersedes the shape when naming a *L. Purpurata*.

The following are the different varieties of *L. Purpurata* under each category. Sergio started with *L. Purpurata* varieties dependent on the color of the flower. There are 12 varieties under this heading. They are as follows:

**Tipo:** is the standard color or type

**Ardosia:** is a flower with a grey/purple lip and white petals

**Carnea:** means "meat" this indicates a light pink to cherry colored lip

**Canhanduba:** indicates a yellow color inside of the lip

**Roxo-violeta:** means blue lip

**Roxo-bispo:** means a purple lip and is named after the robes

worn by the bishops in the catholic church .

**Semi-alba:** petals and sepals must be 100% white

**Suave:** lite color in the throat

**Vinicolor:** vino or wine color

**Alba:** this flower is pure white even inside of the lip is white

**Concolor:** The petals sepals and lip are the same color

**Rubra:** flowers are entirely colored and typically of a darker color

**Sanguinea:** means "blood" these are flowers even darker than Rubra



*Ascda. Fuchs Royal Dragon*

Sergio went on to describe L. Purpurata varieties that are named for the shape of the color that appears on the lip of the flower. Those nine varieties are as follows:

**Anelata:** means a ring on the lip

**Argolao:** means ring on the lip but thicker

**Aurea:** an intense yellow separation from the rest of the colored lip

**Mandayana:** a white margin around a colored lip

**Multiform:** a design on the lip that doesn't fit into the other categories

**Oculata:** two round markings with a clear separation between them

**Regina (reginae):** the lip has a white border around half of the frontal lobe

**Schroederae:** lines on a bearded lip , color doesn't matter.

**Atropurpurea:** the inside and the outside of the lip has color

Finally, Sergio described the four different varieties that are dependent on the shape that the color displays on the petals of the flower. These are as follows:

**Flamea:** means "Flag" the color on the petals is more intense toward the tips

**Striata:** means striations that are clearly marked from side to side on the petals

**Venosa:** these are "veins" that are much thinner than striata

**Trilabelo (peloric):** this means three lips. The petals look like the lip.

Thank you Sergio for the enthusiastic lecture your insightful knowledge and the visually wonderful slides .



*B/c. Mem. Pauline Ratkovich ' Orange Nectar'*

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## President's Message

October.....

The month when all thoughts turn to cider and doughnuts and gourd carvings, apple bobbing and pie....And of course the tragedy of the hijacked holiday at end of the month. My generation never grew up and we somehow purloined Halloween from the children. Well, any way I have issues.....

So speaking of lost souls gone forever, I think I did a Samhaim horror recently: applied Osmocote to many of my plants which adversely seemed to kill a whole bunch. Nitro-burn is my guess, even when used as directed. Don't be fooled by the "slow release" claim. sigh..... lessons learned.

Our recent board meet was quite productive. Rodney has proactively investigated a lot of options for our pending relocation in cal year 2013. He is officially in the driver's seat as committee chair. Jump on board this one with him. If you have suggestions and locations. Church basements, libraries, community buildings and even your company after hours. The only stipulation is not excessively far in radius from where we are now. Walnut Creek, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill: YES. St Louis, Miami, Baltimore: NO. That sort of thing.

Coming up is our Christmas bash! At the Shadelands center in Walnut Creek. there is no regular meeting in December and this is what we do instead. It's the same night as our usual meeting. We eat, drink, exchange gifts, and make merry. AND we elect our board members for the following year. Liz Charlton as our acting past pres. is the one who quite quickly put together a slate. Usually it's a vote of acclaim for the bunch, but if any of you would like to make it interesting and toss your hat in, see Liz.

## President's Message cont.

And speaking of club involvement.....here I go at my didactic best; we need all of our members to sail this ship. An orchid club is a little like a tall ship compared to a Princess Cruise line. It really takes all of us. Someone actually has to climb the mizzen and batten the whatsis. Our equivalent are the events. There has been a solid core of folks for a long time who have been doing the lions share, and as your President I have seen the wear and tear. Not only are these same folks board members they are also newsletter editors, membership and web site mistresses, Speaker recounting writers, Christmas, POE, BBQ, greenhouse tours, annual show, ribbon judging, photographing champs... you name it. The same dear sweet faces year after year. These events and perks are not without cost, in human terms. Take a look at the teensy POE display we did and the lack of October annual show. Two HUGE involvements which did not happen, or the reduced scale of which, because of the hard year the core had and that in my appeals to membership over the year, not enough folks rallied to the cause. OK, nuff said on this. Horse..... water.....drink.

LASTLY: I have this year because of the circumstances, been handling the Speaker Dinner, usually a thing handled by the Vice President. It is quite fun actually, the dinner, but the arranging is a pain, with all the rest of the stuff I do. We eat family style at a terrific Chinese restaurant. This makes it easy to split the check. It comes to maybe \$15-17 per person tip included. You arrange with the waiter for your drinks. The person arranging gets free dinner, as does the speaker and his or her guest. I'll be doing this for the next two months and I'm done. SO if you are coming I need to know the night before!!!! Not the day of or the afternoon of or that cell phone



Paph. Toni Semple

Oct. 2012

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*Phrag. Ice Princess*

call as you are on the way. PLEASE the night before. This is because the Restaurant is closed for several hours during the day and they DO NOT listen to their messages if I call the day of and they have the answering machine on. AND it can be a modified chore for the VP, if anyone want to be a "hospitality" Chair. YOU have a free dinner and get to meet and chat before hand with very interesting people.

George McRae, hmb1 srvt.



*V. tessellata*



*Masd. leptoura*



*Ddc. filiforme* 'Dolores'



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## Upcoming Speakers and Events

**October 11: Ramon de los Santos will speak on Philippine Orchids**

**November: Orchids 101**

**December: Christmas Party - Election of the 2013 board**



*Laelia crispa*



*Phal. Noname*

### Speaker's Dinner

is on Thur. Oct 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln., Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae no later than the day before at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.



# Awards DVOS April

## Novice

- 1st *Blc. Mem. Pauline Ratkovich 'Orange Nectar'* Marcia Hart  
2nd *Paph. Toni Semple* Marcia Hart  
3rd *Phal. Noname* Mary-Ann Geschwendt

## Intermediate

- 1st *C. forbesii 'Equilab'* Yunor Peralta  
2nd *L. crispa* Yunor Peralta  
3rd *Ddc. filliforme* Miki Ichiyanagi

## Advanced

- 1st *Ascda. Fuchs Royal Dragon* Bernice Lindner  
2nd *V. tessellata* Ken Cook  
3rd *Phrag. Ice Princess 'Dorthy'* Sue Davis

## Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Masd. leptoura* Ken Cook

*C. forbesii 'Equilab'*



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