A background image of several pink orchids in clear glass vases, set against a light pink background with a subtle floral pattern.

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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September 2012

at Our next meeting **Thursday, Sept. 13th**

## **Sergio Garcia will speak on *Laelia purpurata***

Sergio Garcia has been bringing the latest in Brazilian orchids to the greater Bay Area for the last 4-5 years. Of these the most highly prized Brazilian species is *Laelia purpurata*, the Queen of the Orchids. Brazilians have long kept their unique color forms held close to their chests, much like poker players at a high stakes card table. Sergio's family connections allow him to bring a few improved colors and forms into the USA. What he can't get the Brazilians to part with he has pictures of. So please come to learn about what makes these orchids one of the finest orchids available and how to grow them. I have dibs on any albas he may bring.

Plant table will be provided by Olompali Orchids. Presales via the web

**Next Meeting:**  
**Thur. Sept. 13th**  
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)

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## Our Annual BBQ at the home of MaryLou and Bob Van Galder





Best Costume was won by Liz Charlton in her Black Vanda Pirate costume



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## President's Message

“ will I see you in September, or lose you to a summer love.” I'll tell you this, the fog rolled in today as if it was much later in the year than September. Weather for Dracs if you asked me. The sun dips lower in the sky, and we lose over an hour in day length this month alone. As the noon sun is at a lower angle, passing through more atmosphere, the intensity is further diminished. What does this mean for orchids? S\_\_\_L\_\_\_O\_\_\_W\_\_\_E\_\_\_R growth, but setting of spikes in many species. Thinking about winter dormancy in the plants that need it ought to be on our mind, too. We can pull back on feeding, but since I hardly feed anyway, this is a non-issue. It's hard to fathom that the first day of rainy-season is a mere six weeks away. Which means California native orchids will begin their yawn and stretch and eye rub towards spring: in early to mid January, if the rains have been promising, coral roots and calypsos may be poking their heads up. A non orchid but lily species, *Scoliopus biglowii* is up as early as mid December some years. In flower by the first weekend of the new year. New York may be the city that never sleeps, California has the ecosystem that never sleeps.

## President's Message cont.

want to personally thank each and everyone of you who made our bar-b-que and auction the tremendous success that it was. We had three wonderful pirates, too! Caribbean style. Congrats to Liz Charlton as the winner of this year's costume contest. Arrrgggg! Any way, Kathy Barrett, will hopefully have the grand tally of what we took in to sustain us for 2013.

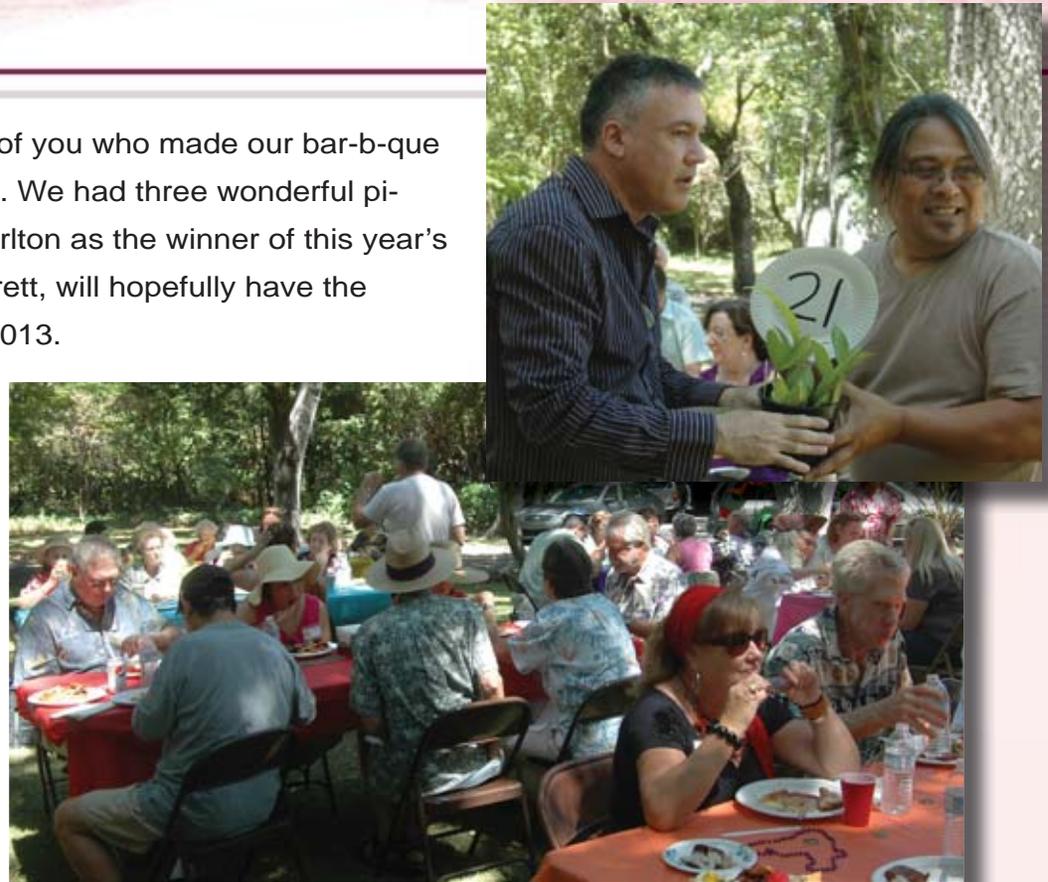
This year we made a hard choice to forgo the Annual Show. We acquired many new members last year, and it is my sincerest hope that all of you will seriously consider renewing your membership. I firmly believe our's is the best orchid society this side of the Pecos where ever they are! If you have friends who are just getting or have been growing orchids, bring 'em along.

Looking ahead, we have our totally fun Holiday bash at the Shadelands center. Food beverage, and a plant gift exchange. And me in a clean shirt! In 2013, I hope many of you will see the fun in the great opportunities we get involved in: The Pacific Orchid Expo, BBQ, and Annual show, Christmas party..... Any one can make this happen. Brian, Eileen, myself and a few others got a POE exhibit put together a low expense, at the last minute and we had a wonderful fun time doing it. Our projects are scalable and only need you the members to want to make them happen.

Also consider participating on the board of directors, or chairing a committee you feel would be worthwhile and fun for you.

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Happy orchids to you! George McRae yr hmbI srvt



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## AOS Corner

Lynn Fuller, Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

I hope your summer has been going well. Gearing up for the upcoming fall season, I thought I would focus on a few news items and reminders from AOS Headquarters.

1. The special supplement this year is on the genus *Cycnoches*, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society. The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members' donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226>). Donations of any size are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements.
2. Did you know that liability coverage for your meetings and shows is available through the AOS at a competitive fee? We are pleased to announce that we are again able to offer this benefit of affiliation for \$250. As last year, a single fee can now cover both your society meetings and your show. More information about this benefit and the procedure for procuring it may be found on the website under the Affiliated Societies tab (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44>).
3. Another benefit of being an affiliated society is that your society can host one of the two meetings per year of the American Orchid Society's members and trustees meetings. Hosting the AOS as part of your annual show can be a rewarding experience for your society as well as taking your show to the 'next level' having international or national prominence. AOS is looking for locations for upcoming meetings starting in the Fall of 2014 and beyond. Other orchid Alliances that often join the AOS at many of these shows are the Orchid Digest, the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Phalaenopsis Alliance. These joint meetings are an incredible opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of orchids.

4. As fall is approaching, the AOS is getting this year's Orchid Source Directory ready for printing. Each affiliated society will be listed at no cost with the information on file with the AOS. If your society has changed your meeting locations, dates, times, addresses, website or email, please let Membership Services ([theAOS@aos.org](mailto:theAOS@aos.org)) at AOS know so the most up-to-date information is printed. In addition if you have an orchid related business and want to be included in the directory contact John Wrench at AOS ([jwrench@aos.org](mailto:jwrench@aos.org)) for the form. The cost for a business listing is \$150 and includes both the printed listing as well as our online directory. August 31 is the deadline for these listings.
5. Do you know what your society's renewal date is? Starting three months prior to expiration, a renewal notice for all membership levels is included in the magazine polybag. If you or your society happened to have missed these, we'd love to have you back. Please contact the office at [theAOS@aos.org](mailto:theAOS@aos.org) or by phone at 205-740-2010 to inquire about expiration dates.

## ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

The Annual Fall Show and Sale of the San Francisco Orchid Society

Orchid displays,  
sales, raffles,  
and demonstrations



General Admission \$4,  
Seniors \$3  
Under 16 free

**Sat-Sun, September 15-16, 10 am-5 pm**  
**SF County Fair Building**  
9th Ave & Lincoln Way

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## Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Sept 13:** Sergio Garcia will speak on new hybrids.
- Sept. 15-16** Orchids in the Park (see P. 7)
- Sept 20:** DVOS Board meeting at the home of Meg Crosby
- Sept 29:** California Orchids Fall Sale (see P. 9)
- October 11:** Ramon de los Santos will speak on Philippine Orchids
- November:** Orchids 101
- December:** Christmas Party



### Speaker's Dinner

is on Thur. Sept 13th 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 at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.



See our web page or call for more information about orchid boarding, long term orchid rentals, and directions to our nursery

### Extra!

Present this flyer with any purchase for a free bareroot division of one of our orchids. We'll have 3 or 4 types to choose from.

## California Orchids Fall Sale! Saturday September 29th 9am-4pm

Small to very large specimens  
In and out of flower

Cool, Intermediate, and Warm growers  
Repotting materials Sound advice!

Come see our 6 - 17 ft cork logs planted with orchids.  
Our Pre Order List includes many excellent out of flower orchids. We can have your preorder packed and ready for pick up at the sale.

(Preordering will save you money)

California Orchids

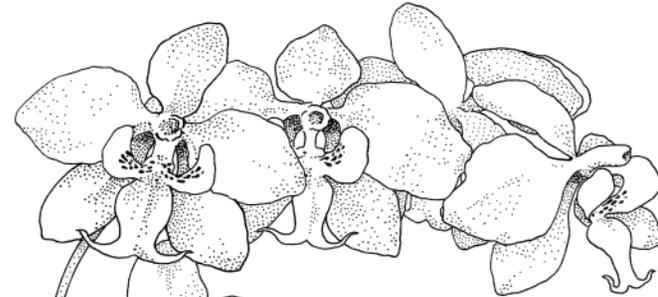
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