

DECEMBER 2013



Diablo View

*Orchid
Society*

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DVOS meets the second Thursday of (almost) every month at the
Contra Costa Water District boardroom 7:30-10:00 pm
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA. (For December see p. 4 - 7)

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

Our Annual Holiday Party will be at Shadelands on Wednesday Dec. 11th (See p. 3)

BOARD MEETING:

Dec. 19th at 7:00 pm
at the home of Jamie and Liz

\$50 goes to the best decorated Orchid at our Christmas Party

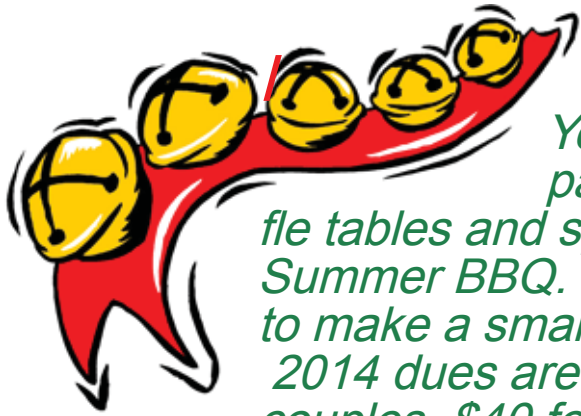


SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR DVOS 2014

This is the proposed list, nominations will be taken from the floor at the time of election.

*President: Eileen Jackson
Vice President : Sung Lee
Treasurer : Kathy Barrett
Secretary : Marcia Hart*

*Board of Directors: Miki Ichianagi
Phyllis Arthur
Liz Charlton
Pascual Machin
Ulrike Ahlborn*



t's Time to pay your 2014 Dues!

Your dues, along with raffle tickets and member sales, pay the cost of being a club: speakers' fees, plant raffle tables and special events including the Christmas Party and the Summer BBQ. Expenses have gone up over time, so we are forced to make a small increase in the Society's dues.

2014 dues are a very reasonable \$30 for general members and couples, \$40 for commercial members and anyone who needs to have the newsletter delivered by mail.

There will be a special drawing for all PAID members at the Christmas Party. Mail in your form or pay your dues at the party. We now accept credit cards in addition to checks, cash and raw diamonds.



It's time for our annual Holiday Potluck party!

Your "ticket" for entrance is a two-part affair!

First, you need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, enough for 8, according to the alphabetized schedule on Page 5.

Second, bring a gift orchid or orchid related item (something that you'd like to receive yourself) for the Annual Gift Exchange.

Make sure any plants are bug free.

*The Christmas Potluck begins at 6:30 PM
(Set-up 6:00) at the Shadelands Arts Center
111 N. Wiget at Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.
(directions on P. 6-7)*



Holiday Party

Bring a gift orchid or orchid related item (something nice!) for the Annual Gift Exchange. Make sure any plants are bug free.

Set-up 6:00 - Dinner 6:30



\$50
Prize to the best
Christmas
decorated Orchid

NO GLITTER

Food Assignments:

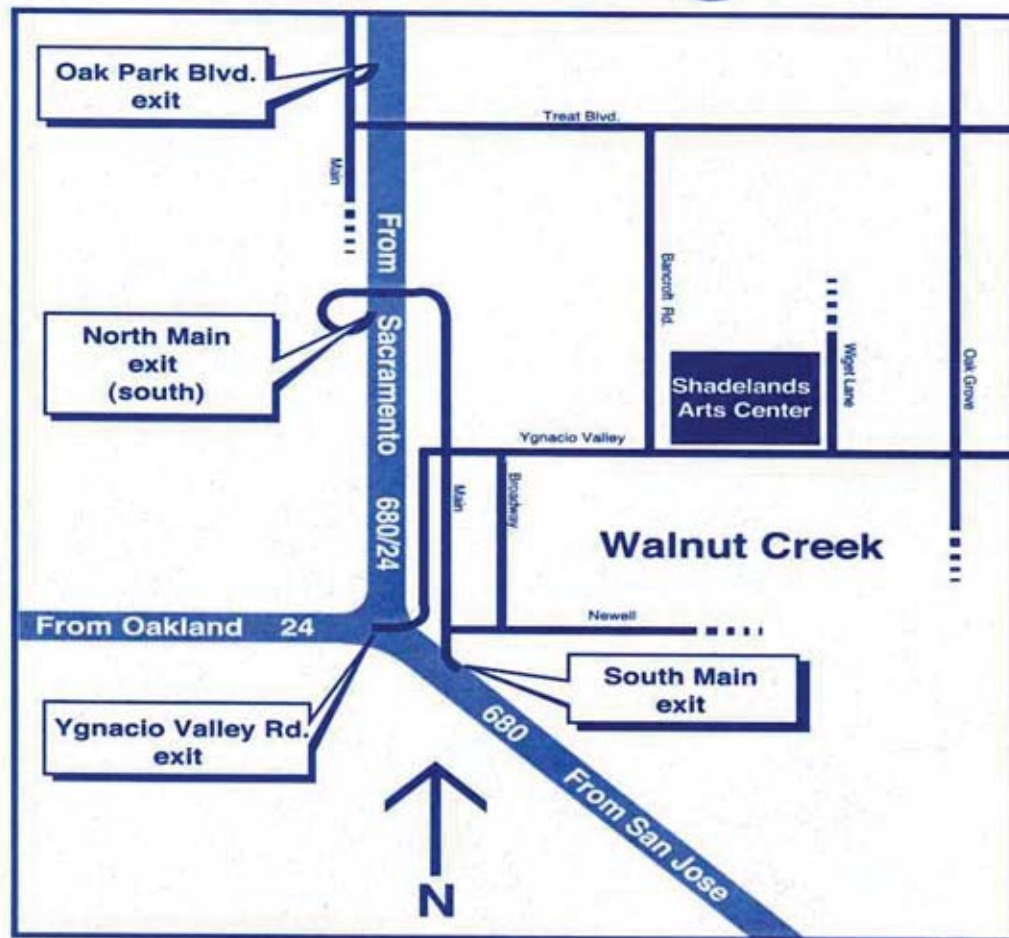
A-H Salad I-O Hot Dish
P-Z Dessert

Special Raffle

Pay your dues on or before the Christmas Party and you will be eligible for a special raffle prize!

SHADELANDS CHRISTMAS PARTY Arts Center

111 North
Wiget Lane
at Ygnacio
Valley Rd.
Walnut
Creek



Directions to **SHADELANDS Arts Center**

111 North Wiget Lane at Ygnacio Valley Rd.

FROM OAKLAND, BERKELEY

Highway 24 east exiting left onto Highway 680 north. Take the Ygnacio Valley Rd. exit and go 1.1 mi to the light. Turn right on Ygnacio Valley Rd. and go 2.9 mi. Turn left on North Wiget Ln. and go 0.1 mi. The Shadelands Arts Center parking lot is on the left.

FROM SACRAMENTO, CONCORD, PLEASANT HILL

Highway 680 south to Exit 48 Treat Blvd/Geary Rd. Take exit and continue 0.3 mi. to the light. Turn left on N. Main and go 0.2 mi. to Geary Rd and turn left. Go for 1.1 mi. on Geary Rd/ Treat Blvd to Bancroft Rd and turn right. Go 0.7 mi. to Ygnacio Valley Rd and turn left. Go 0.7 miles to North Wiget Ln. Turn left on North Wiget and go 0.1 mi. The Shadelands Arts Center parking lot is on the left.

FROM SAN JOSE, DANVILLE, ALAMO

Highway 680 north to South Main St. off ramp. Stay on South Main 0.5 mi. to Newell. Turn right on Newell and go 0.2 mi. to stop light. Turn left on Broadway and go 0.7 mi. to Civic Dr. Turn right on Civic and go 0.3 mi. Turn right on Ygnacio Valley Rd. and go 2.5 mi. Turn left on North Wiget Ln. and go 0.1 mi. The Shadelands Arts Center parking lot is on the left.



AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING: *-Brad Piini*



Wet or dry? You will need to know what conditions your orchids require before heading into this fall and winter season. Dan Newman, of Hanging Orchids, was our November DVOS speaker and brought in several of his blooming orchids to describe the different cultural requirements of these wet and dry growing species.

Dan Newman has a greenhouse in Pacifica, California. He grows all his orchids in cool conditions which means that the greenhouse temperature at night gets down into the 60's then raises up into the mid-80's during the daytime. On exceptionally cold winter nights the greenhouse will get down into the 40's.

Many of Dan's orchids require a dry winter rest. These orchids typically receive little to no rain in the colder winter months. Then in the spring through fall they experience heavy rain and warm conditions. Orchid such as more Mormodes, cycnoches , catasetums and some Dendrobiums fall into this classification. In the cold winter months these orchids go into a state of dormancy and require little to no water, but starting in the spring when the orchid shows the first sign of new vegetative growth you'll need to increase the watering. These orchids have a short and concentrated growing season and require heavy feeding during this growth period. Dan prefers to put a soluble fertilizer on top of the media so that every time he waters, the plant will receive a dose of nutrients. During the winter months, Dan collects all of these orchids that require a winter rest and puts them together in one area of the greenhouse. This way it's easier to remember what not to water. This dry season starts on Thanksgiving and ends with the orchid showing new growth sometime in February to May.

For those orchids that prefer wet conditions the rules are different. In the wild, orchids that are constantly wet usually will grow year round, and because it's always raining they have a constant source of very weak nutrients the whole year. Because of all this water, these wet growing species are not heavy feeders. Examples of orchids that like to be maintained wet are miltoniopsis, Paphiopedilums, phragmipediums and the species that Dan brought in to share with us, Dendrobium caprisonii. This particular species is from an area that is cool and cloudy, high up in the mountains. It requires pure water only. Only occasionally will it need a slight amount of fertilization. These wet growing orchids are intolerant of salts in their root systems and therefore require changing the media at least once a year. Dan prefers using shredded redwood bark for his Dendrobium caprisonii, claiming it will last up to 3 years and that this Dendrobium species likes the acidity of the redwood.

Thank you, Dan. Sorry your trip getting to the meeting was such an ordeal.



Paph. Magic Lantern



Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS

V. Pachara Delight

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Dec 11: **Annual DVOS Holiday Party**
(this is a **Wednesday**)

Dec 19: **Board Meeting at the home of Liz and Jamie**

Dec 28: **Open greenhouse 11 - 2 at the home of Yunor Peralta and Greg Scown. Yunor's *L. anceps* will be in Bloom!**



Cym. tracyanum



Cycnoches Jean E., Monnier

Awards DVOS October

Novice

- 1st *Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'* HCC/AOS Jim Wert
2nd *Cyc. Jean E. Monnier* Biri Hausing
3rd *Onc. Noname* David Trebofich

Intermediate

- 1st *Cym. tracyanum* Sung Lee
2nd *V. Pachara Delight* Renate Johnson
3rd *Paph. Magic Lantern* Noble Emery

Advanced

- 1st *Paph. Transdoll* Ken Cook
2nd *C. Linda Galloway 'Pannala'* Jim Chan
3rd *Blc. Mahina Yahiro* Tom Pickford

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

Haraella retrocalla Jean Keim

Tom Pickford's *Den. cucumerinum* 'Mr Pickles'
was awarded an AM of 83 points by CNSJC on 11//13



The October AOS awards are on the California Sierra Nevada web page: <http://www.csnjc.org>
I have the latest awards from the California Sierra Nevada judging center online at
<http://www.csnjc.org> Hope you like 'em I know there are those of you who may
wonder if the Ascda Suk Sumran Beauty 'Bubblicious' shouldn't actually be a Vanda now.
Yes, it should. However when I uploaded it to the AQ+ program, even the AOS still showed this
hybrid as an Ascda. So I left it as is. One of these days it'll
appear in the record books as a Vanda. I'm not worrying about it. - K. Barrett



Haraella retrocalla



Bc. Mahina Yahiro 'Mishima'



Paph. Transdoll

News from Headquarters: The Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest deadline is fast approaching – November 30, 2013. The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families. You do not need to be an AOS member to submit an entry.

The winner receives a cash prize and a certificate suitable for framing. The contest was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now Orchids). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

The theme for 2013 is: Finding Space for One More Orchid. Orchid growers are incurable collectors and always seem to find that one orchid that they simply must have. Tell us how you make space for an ever expanding orchid collection. Membership in the American Orchid Society is not necessary to enter the contest. The deadline is November 30, 2013. The winning entry, if any, is published in the June issue of the following year. The 2012 winner was Sarah Waddoups and her Essay was "Playing Angraeoid Go Fish."

For a listing of complete rules for the contest go to www.aos.org. All entries to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay should be submitted to The American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156, Attn: Ron McHatton, or via email to rmchatton@aos.org.

Thanks to all the societies who responded to the request for updated society information for the Orchid Source Directory. It would be helpful if AOS could be notified of any changes in officers, AOS representatives, newsletter editors and meeting locations, dates and times as those changes occur. In addition, just a reminder that AOS membership renewals are included in the 3 Orchids received prior to the expiration of the membership. The Orchid Source Directory will be included in an upcoming mailing of the magazine. It is also available on the website. Please support the advertisers in the OSD.

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