

NOVEMBER 2013

Diablo View



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DVOS meets the second Thursday of each month at the
Contra Costa Water District boardroom 7:30-10:00 pm
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Dan Newman will speak
on Nov. 14 at 7:30 pm at the
Contra Costa Water District
board room.**

PLANT TABLE PROVIDED

BY: Dan Newman

BOARD MEETING:

**Nov. 21st at 7:30 pm
at the home of Brad and
Karen Piini**

SPEAKER'S DINNER

BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING

AT 5:30 PM:

**No speaker's dinner
this month**



Dendrochilum cobbianum

AT OUR NEXT MEETING Nov. 14

Dan Newman will talk on

will talk about Dendrobiums

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 to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.



Art, Jazz & Wine Festival



Thanks! to everyone who helped with this event.

We signed 13 new memberships

Welcome to:

Gina Anderson ♦ Annette Avila ♦ John & Alma
Caponio ♦ Dan Chavez & Carla Gillespie ♦ Dale
Daly ♦ Anne Fang ♦ Irene Desmond ♦ Lilian
Hernandez ♦ Viktor Manrique ♦ Sara Mendoza

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our booth at the Pleasant Hill Art and Wine Festival, and everyone who sent plants to be displayed. Liz Charlton and Jamie Wasson were the key people for setting up the tent, keeping the plants overnight and taking it down. Kathy Barrett, Jeanette Bean, George Cooper, Greg Scown, Judith Johnson, Miki Ichiyanagi, Yunor Peralta, Connie Klein, Sung Lee, Linda Castleton, Phyllis Arthur, Carol Klonowski, Tom Pickford and Brad Piini were the people manning the booth and bringing people over to see the orchids. If I missed anyone I am sorry, please know your attendance was appreciated.

It was a very successful event and we signed up 13 new members . If you see a new face at the meeting please be welcoming ,they all joined for a reason, mostly to learn how to grow orchids. Answer any questions they have but if you don't know the answer refer them to someone else who may know the answer.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

- Eileen Jackson



Paph. venustum

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR DVOS 2014

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

President: George McRae

Vice President : Sung Lee

Treasurer : Kathy Barrett

Secretary : Marcia Hart

Board of Directors:

Miki Ichiyanagi

Phyllis Arthur

Liz Charlton

Pascual Machin

Ulrike Ahlborn

AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING:

In some cultures, talking is done as much with your hands and arms as it is with your mouth. While recovering from a broken collar bone and with one arm in a sling, Deborah Atwood was still able to carry off a very effective talk on orchid basics to a very attentive DVOS audience.



Deborah maintains a 30 x 20 foot greenhouse in Napa, California that she keeps at an intermediate temperature of 53 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. With only one roof vent, the humidity is kept at an extremely high 80 percent year round. Deborah selects the orchids for her collection based on more than just good looks. She collects different varieties based on interesting roots, foliage, scent, ease of growing, and those that are challenging to grow as well.

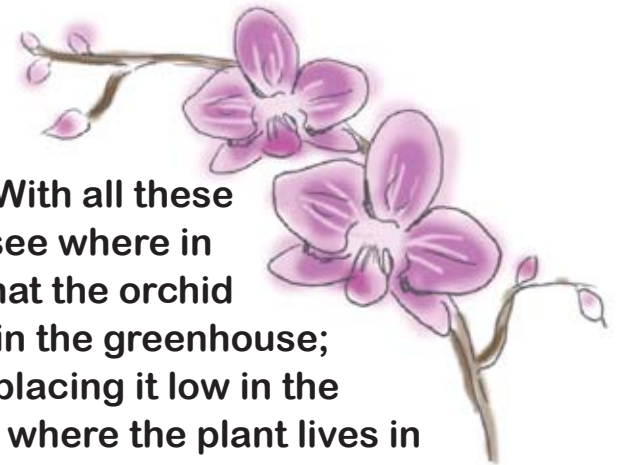
Her main advice to all growers is, don't overwater your orchids. This is the number one killer of all orchids by hobbyists. This goes hand-in-hand with not repotting your orchid in a timely fashion. Letting an orchid sit in a broken-down media will kill the root system and eventually the whole plant will die. All orchids need to be repotted periodically. When doing so, use the smallest pot possible, but still allow space for 2 years of new growth.

Deborah likes to keep a carnivorous plant called a butterwort in her greenhouse at all times. This plant has a slime on its leaves that traps small gnats and bugs. These plants create a natural pest control in her greenhouse. She also grows Phalaenopsis in her greenhouse. These are the most popular orchid that people display in their houses. Deborah's advice to the beginner is to not cut the flower spike after it has bloomed. These old flower stalks will re-bloom again on the old stocks. Phalaenopsis like the warmer temperatures and do best when grown directly in front of a fan to provide good air movement.

Deborah also reviewed the cultural demands of Epidendrum Encycias, Maxillarias, Thunias, Dendrobiums and Cattleya orchids. With all these orchids, she tries to find out the cultural conditions of each one to see where in the greenhouse she will place it. She likes to know the light levels that the orchid requires, which will guide her as to where she will place the orchid in the greenhouse; hanging the plant high in the greenhouse will provide more light or placing it low in the greenhouse for less light. She also needs to know the conditions of where the plant lives in nature in regards to moisture, drainage, growing seasons, and the temperature range. Deb uses JAY'S Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia off the internet for this information. This reference provides the elevation and temperature range of a specific orchid and the details of the natural environment in which this orchid is found in the wild. Then you can change your environment to suit this new orchid.

For those of you that would like a tour of Deborah's greenhouse and to get more growing tips, she can be contacted at Napa Orchids at 707-255-8266. Her greenhouse is open by appointment only.

Thank You Deb! Hope you get well soon.



Max. vanabilis

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Nov. 14: **DVOS Meeting with speaker Dan Newman**

Dec 11: **Annual DVOS Holiday Party**
(this is a **Wednesday**) details in next month's **Newsletter**



C. Mt. Hood AM/AOS



Coel. punctulata



REFRESHMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

FOOD:

(Food must be cut into servings)

George Cooper	Blanca Miller	Ann Fong
Liz Charlton	Sung Lee	Ken Cook
Barbara Ungersma	John & Alma Caponio	

DRINKS:

Brad Piini
Miki Ichiyonagi

ICE:

Miki Ichiyonagi

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP: Brenda Aday



Grammatophyllum scriptum



C. Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen'

The increasing costs of speakers, plant tables, and the expenses associated with our BBQ and Christmas party, require us to make a small increase in the club dues. The 2014 dues will be \$30 for general members, \$40 for mail delivery of the newsletter, and Commercial Members.

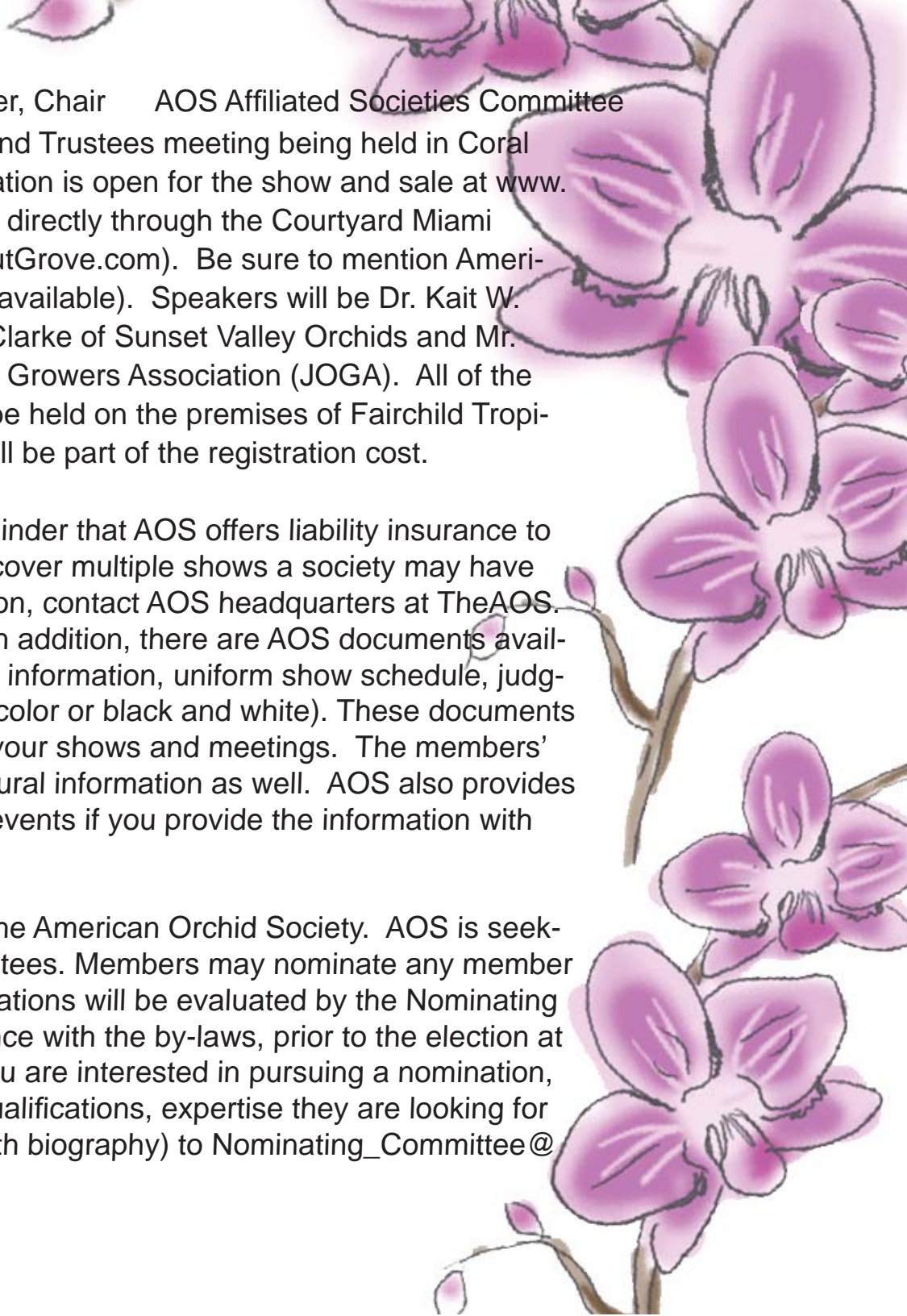
AOS NEWS

Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

Plans are complete for the AOS Members and Trustees meeting being held in Coral Gables, Florida, November 14-16, 2013. Registration is open for the show and sale at www.aos.org. Reservations for the hotel may be made directly through the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove hotel site (CourtyardMiamiCoconutGrove.com). Be sure to mention American Orchid Society to get the special rates (if still available). Speakers will be Dr. Kait W. Tan, CEO, Gardens by the Bay Singapore; Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and Mr. Munekazu Ejiri, Director & Judge of Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA). All of the lectures, the show and most of the meetings will be held on the premises of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Entrance to the Gardens will be part of the registration cost.

Fall Show season is gearing up. Just a reminder that AOS offers liability insurance to affiliated societies which on an annual basis can cover multiple shows a society may have during the course of the year. For more information, contact AOS headquarters at TheAOS.org and an application form can be sent to you. In addition, there are AOS documents available on the website for use at the shows: cultural information, uniform show schedule, judging request form and AOS membership forms (in color or black and white). These documents are available to download and print out to use at your shows and meetings. The members' only section of the website has more detailed cultural information as well. AOS also provides a free listing on their calendar of all AOS society events if you provide the information with enough lead time.

Call for Nominations: Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society. AOS is seeking nominations for members of the Board of Trustees. Members may nominate any member in good standing, including themselves. All nominations will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee and a slate will be mailed, in accordance with the by-laws, prior to the election at the Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013. If you are interested in pursuing a nomination, see the website for more information regarding qualifications, expertise they are looking for and requirements and forward the nomination (with biography) to Nominating_Committee@aos.org. You may also mail it into headquarters.



SELLING YOUR PLANTS AT OUR MEETING



Sngl. longifolia "Belmont"

The sale of member owned plants at DVOS meetings benefits the Club and both the selling and buying members. This is often the best way to obtain inexpensive and/or rare plants. To make this process smoother we will be introducing a new system to expedite these sales.

We are planning to have a table exclusively for sale plants.

The member who wants to sell a plant will fill out a form with information on the type of plant, any known history, the conditions the plant prefers, and the price.

The buyer takes that form to our Treasurer (Kathy Barrett) or any Board member and pays the amount on the sell form. The Society takes 25% and pays the seller the balance.

To make it even easier, we are now set up to accept credit cards.

Awards DVOS October

Novice

1st	<i>Coel. punctulata</i>	Jeanette Bean
2nd	<i>Ddc. cobbianum</i>	Jeanette Bean
3rd	<i>Max. varabilis</i>	Pascual Machin

Intermediate

1st	<i>C. labiata</i> v. <i>rubra</i>	Sung Lee
2nd	<i>Gram. scriptum</i>	Sung Lee
3rd	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i> 'Belmont'	Eileen Jackson

Advanced

1st	<i>C. Mt. Hood</i> AM/AOS	Ken Cook
2nd	<i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> 'Volcano Queen'	Carol Klonowski
3rd	<i>Paph. venustum</i>	Ken Cook

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")
no award this month

California Sierra Nevada
Judging Center Awards for
May can be viewed at:
<http://www.csnjc.org>

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



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C. labiata v. *rubra*

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