

MARCH 2014

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:
Ricky Wong will speak on
***Neofinetia falcata* (see P. 3)**

PLANT TABLE PROVIDED BY:
Grab Bag Event (see P. 11)

SPEAKER'S DINNER
BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING
AT 5:30 PM:
No speaker's dinner this
month

BOARD MEETING:
March 20th at 7:30 pm
at the home of Marcia Hart



Den. nugentii

AT OUR NEXT MEETING MARCH 13



Ricky Wong

will talk to us about *Neofinetia falcata*

History, Appreciation, Hybridizing, and Culture

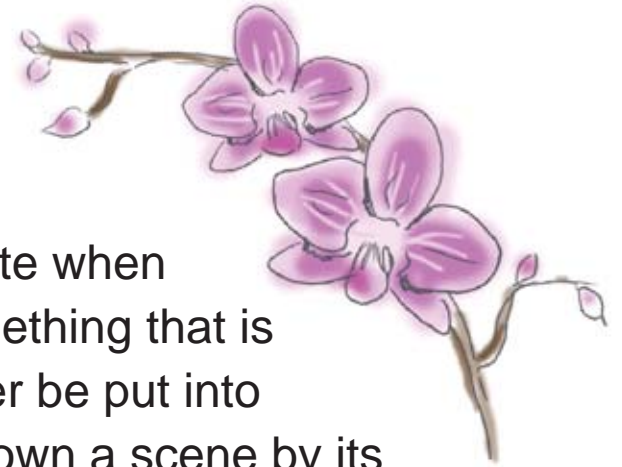
Ricky's talk will focus on the different types and varieties found in *Neofinetia falcata*, some hybridizing points, and culture considerations

Ricky Wong started his interest in orchids while he was in elementary school. In 1995, he received a Phalaenopsis as his first orchid and his collection has grown ever since. After graduating from college, he started to volunteer extensively at OrchidMania, where his passion for orchids continued to grow. Ricky is currently part of the AOS judging program and is a Probationary Judge. He is a Director at Large for the Orchid Society of California (OSC), and has held various board positions with the OSC. Ricky grows exclusively outdoors without the use of a greenhouse and prefers to grow cool-cold growing species and primary hybrids that do well outdoors year-round in the Bay Area.



Vul. 'Jerry Lawless'

AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING: *-Brad Piini*



Ron Parsons

Words seem so inadequate when you are trying to describe something that is visual. No photograph can ever be put into words. Even when breaking down a scene by its elements of color, contrast, lighting, shades, vibrancy and composition one tends to take an image and somehow pixilate it during the description process. Such is the problem I had when I tried to review Ron Parson's slideshow of the orchids and flowers of China.

Ron was our pre Valentine's Day speaker. For the show he selected just 70 slides out of his library of over 100,000 images to share with the audience and let them explore the scenery of the Szechwan Province of western China. The main focus of Ron's trip was to locate the lady slippers, *Cypripediums*, of China. China has 36 native species of *Cypripediums*, compared to the 12 species found in the United States. Ron is a very energetic speaker with a fast-paced delivery that commands your attention, and whose enthusiasm is contagious. His

slides were indescribable and awe inspiring. At the conclusion of his slideshow, Ron gave a short promotion of his and Mary Gerritsen's new book on orchids called "Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species", a two-volume set. Each volume is absolutely massive in size and spectacular in its color photography. I want to thank you, Ron, for the slideshow.

I will leave you with just some of the words from the show and let your mind create the images with the color, contrast and lighting of your choice. The Foo River (not Poo River, Dave T). Travertine pools. Pure yellow *Cypripedium* lady slippers. Blue Himalayan poppies. The city of Won Long (not Long D----- Dave T). Large peonies. Mountain streams . Clouds at 9000 feet.

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair
membership@dvos.org

**As of March, we have
73 paid members**

2014 Dues are now due

General Members \$30

Commercial Members \$40

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:

www.dvos.org/About/membersh.htm

If you joined at the Art Jazz & Wine Festival in November you do not owe for 2014

**We will be printing the DVOS
Roster in March. If you want to
be included you must
Pay your 2014 Dues**

Farewell to Golden Gate Orchids



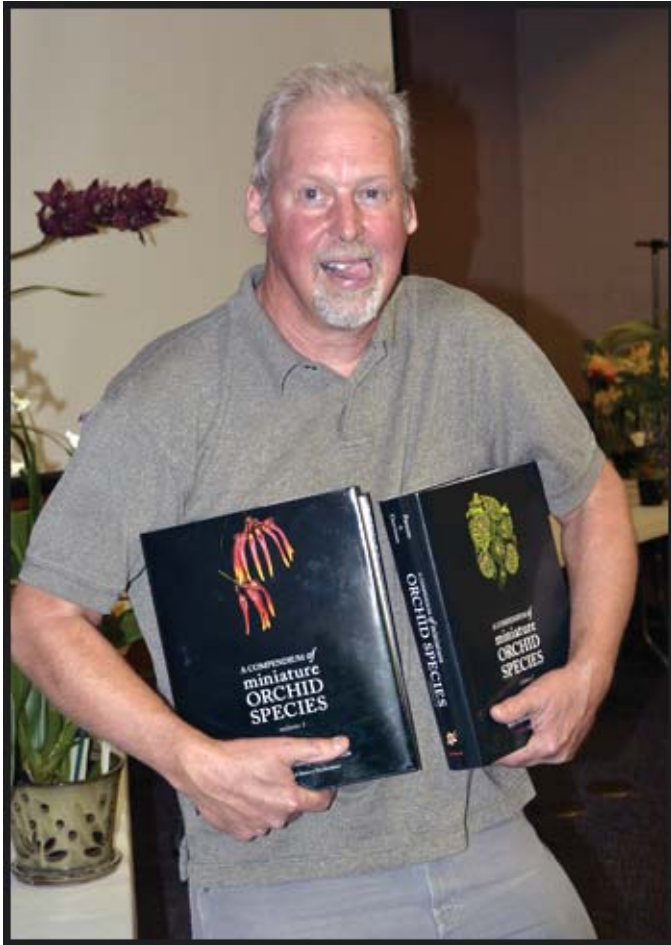
Last year when Andy Easton learned Tom Perlite was selling Golden Gate Orchids he wrote: “Does nobody else see how large a decline in the display of quality orchids this represents?” Andy was referring to Tom’s displays at the Pacific Orchid Exposition. But the comment could apply to Northern California shows in general. My (admittedly airhead) response referenced Tom’s imaginative use of stage props to make impressive show displays. It hasn’t been until this month that I realized what Andy was saying. The caliber of Tom’s orchids will be missed. Sure, there are many talented growers in the greater Bay Area who will pick up the slack. No doubt about it. But I’ll miss the time I spent drooling over Tom’s displays, looking at all the fine orchids. - Kathy Barrett

L. anceps

I’ll look for you in old Honolulu
San Francisco, Ashtabula
Yer gonna have to leave me now, I know
But I’ll see you in the sky above
In the tall grass, in the ones I love
Yer gonna make me lonesome when you go
(c) 1974 Bob Dylan



Copies of *Miniature Orchid Species*
by Ron Parsons and Mary Gerritsen is
available for purchase online at
www.redfermnaturalhistory.com



Phal. Noname



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DVOS display at Pacific Orchid Exhibition 2014

Awarded Plants:

Novice: *Den. nugentii* - Tom Pickford

Advanced: *L. rubescens* 'Barbara Cook'

Paph. St. Low 'Beautiful' - Ken Cook



The Diablo View Orchid Society was passed over again for best visiting society display at the Pacific Orchid Exposition despite having a greater variety of orchids and a better artistic arrangement. Nevertheless our exhibition had more ribbons for a display of its size than any other display at the show. We will continue to kick butt and take names at the Sacramento Orchid Society show this month. If you'd like your orchids displayed please call Kathy Barrett (her phone # is in the roster - she's a paranoid fool who hates having any info online) - K.B.

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

FOOD:

(Food must be cut into servings)

Tom Pickford
Evelyne Powell
David & Alice Tomassini
Blanca Miller
Mark Dillard

DRINKS:

Raul Garcia de Leon
Jim Wert

ICE:

Jim Wert

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:

Carol Klonowski



C. Jose Dias Castro
x Rlc. Ryo Iwata

Blossoms for Barbara

Hello fellow gardeners !

The funds raised from the sale of these rose plants goes toward our, The Clayton Valley Garden Clubs, annual event for Valentines Day. We bring flowering plants to those under hospice care, patients in assisted living and convalescent locations, battered Women's Shelters, a Veterans Hospice, and the elderly and shut-in recipients of Meals on Wheels in the Contra Costa area. This past Valentine's Day we just completed delivering 850 flowering plants to those so much in need. Articles and photos about the event were featured in the Contra Costa Times Concord Transcript on 2/21, and in the Clayton Pioneer 2/14. The sale from these roses will help start our fund for next year.

Attached is the list of roses that I will have available on approximately Feb. 24. Let me know what you want and I will hold them for you. The total price for each rose plant is \$18.00 includes tax and shipping. I have available a donation receipt if you would like one. Please pass on this information. First come first served ! Go to <http://www.davidaustin.com/> to see pictures of the roses.

Thank you for your support - The Clayton Valley Garden Club
Linda Karp - 'Blossoms for Barbara' Chair (925) 524-0220
<http://www.claytonvalleygardenclub.org/>

List of varieties available

- BOSCOBEL - mixed pinks (78 petals)
- CARDING MILL - apricot/orange (80 petals)
- THE DARK LADY - dark. crimson (140 petals)
- GLAMIS CASTLE - white(120 petals)
- THE ENDEAVOR - salmon pink (50 petals)
- KEW GARDENS - pure white (5 petals)
- PRINCESS ANNE - Deep pink (85 petals)
- TAM O SHANTER - deep cerise pink (25 petals)
- TESS OF THE DURBERVILLES - bright crimson (110 petals)



Masd. Sidney

Grab Bag Plant Table

This month our plant table will be a *Grab Bag* event. The plants will be purchased from Exotic Orchids of Maui. We will sell only as many tickets as we have plants; everyone who buys a ticket is guaranteed to go home with a plant.

Senior Center
1500 Jefferson St
Napa
10 am - 4 pm



Awards DVOS January

Novice

1st *Phal.* Noname Irene Desmond
2nd *Phal.* Noname Jean Keim
3rd (*C.* Jose Dias Castro
x *Rlc.* Ryo Iwata) Marcia Hart

Intermediate

1st *Den. aggregatum* Linda Castleton
2nd *Vul.* Jerry Lawless Eileen Jackson
3rd *Masd.* Sidney Jim Wert

Advanced

1st *Fdk.* After Dark 'Black Pearl' Ken Cook
2nd *L. anceps* Yunor Peralta



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

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



March 13: DVOS Meeting with Ricky Wong (*Neofinetia falcata*,
the Japanese Samurai Orchid)

March 20: DVOS Board Meeting at the home of Marcia Hart

March 29-30: Sacramento Orchid Society 66th Annual Show
(see p.15) <http://www.sacorchidshow>

April 5-6: Napa Valley Orchid Society
21st Annual Show and Sale (see P. 11)

April: DVOS Meeting with Chris Mende
(*Paphiopedilum: The Doctor is In*)

May : DVOS Meeting with Damon from
California Carnivores



Den. aggregatum

The upcoming [San Francisco Flower and Garden Show](#) is right around the corner! Our show dates are March 19-23, 2014 at the San Mateo Event Center. We have a lot of new things in store for you! We offer incredible variety seminars on 6 stage area. The beautiful displays gardens have been moved and will be draped to enhance the theatrical lighting. AND the flowers are back. We would love to invite you to be a part of this celebration of the “new” Show.

We are offering special group rates for twenty (20) or more attendees at a rate of \$15.00 a person. This includes the use of our VIP room and special parking for bus or groups arriving together and with pre-registration. For any Club that purchased 15 or more tickets the Show will provide 2 FREE tickets. You can use the tickets in any way you wish.

You can order your tickets to be held at the door of if you send your payment by March 7th. The tickets can be mailed. Just use the attached order form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at tickets@sfgardenshow.com or you can reach me at (415)684-7278 ext 9.

Best Wishes,

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Vdps gigantea

Sacramento Orchid Society show

is at the Scottish Rite Temple at 61st and H Street, right outside the front gates of that estimable institution of higher learning, California State University at Sacramento! Set up is Friday 3/28 so we'd need your plants by Thursday 3/27. This is an AOS judged show so please clean and stake your plants, who knows?

They may win an award.

The Sacramento Orchid Society show runs through the weekend, 3/29 & 3/30.



<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org>



Fdk. After Dark
'Black Pearl'

Spring AOS Members' Meeting and Show Orchids A Growing Obsession April 30th – May 4th, 2014

The Orchid Society of Minnesota is very pleased to host the Spring 2014 American Orchid Society Members' Meeting and Show April 30th through May 4th, 2014. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings and events of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance. The website is up with full information at www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com.

The event headquarters is the Doubletree by Hilton located at I-494 and Hwy 100 in Bloomington, Minnesota. They offer complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (MSP Terminals 1 and 2). All events are located in this hotel which has free guest parking. Guest rooms will be available at a reduced rate of \$99 while they last in the reserved room block prior to the cutoff date of April 8, 2014. This rate is available for three days before and three days after the show dates for those who wish to extend their stay. There are numerous restaurants near the hotel including TGIFridays (in the same parking lot). The hotel is located on the "494 Strip" of Bloomington with restaurants and shopping nearby... including the Mall of America. The hotel does offer complimentary shuttle service to the Mall of America for its registered guests. Following is the hotel reservation link. No password or code is needed: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/OSM2014> If you prefer to call, their number is 952-835-7800.

The keynote address will be given by Chris Purver of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. The speaker line-up includes Jerry Fischer, Alan Koch, Carlos Fighetti, Jason Fischer, Russ Vernon, Cordelia Head, Harry Phillips and Kathy Creger. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to hear the top names in orchids share their knowledge.

Our Exhibition Chair is Joe Acebo. Exhibitor setup will begin Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., April 30th. Plant and Exhibit Registration will be open on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We encourage your participation in this AOS-judged

show by staging an exhibit showcasing your member's growing efforts and creativity. Exhibits should follow the class structure as set forth in the current MAOC Show Schedule. We will provide you with table-top or floor space as your needs require, and we can discuss any other needs you might have once you've confirmed your participation. Space is limited so please contact Joe directly at joeacebo@charter.net.

Our Vendor Sales Chair is Ross Hella. Sales will open Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Preview Party. As of January 2014, our vendor spaces are full; however you may contact Ross at hellapad@dishmail.net with inquiries. Vendors include Andy's, Deerwood, Cal-Orchids, Gold Country, Ingram's Better Books, J&L, Krull-Smith, Natt's, New Vision, Orchids Ltd, Orchidabilia, RK Gems, and art work by Jacque Rosenau & Kathy Creger.

This will be an AOS judged show with Ribbon Judging on Thursday morning, May 1st, followed by the AOS Judges' Luncheon at noon and AOS Judging at 1:00 pm. The Preview Party is Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "tropical casual"... so wear your favorite Hawaiian orchid shirt and relax!

The Show & Sales area will be open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 2-4) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are offering the public a \$1 off general admission coupon at numerous locations and on our web site. Beginners' Lectures will be offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Full Participant Registration includes the Preview Party, AOS & MAOC Auctions and access to all lectures and meetings as well as the show and sales areas. There will be a Banquet following the Auction on Saturday evening at the hotel. This promises to be a pleasurable & entertaining evening and we certainly hope you will join in the fun.

For show registration, go to www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com and click on the Registration tab. Please be sure to read the instructions/hints before you begin your registration process.

Come join us at this don't miss event! Kim Livingston, Show Chair

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