

MAY 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:
Damon Collingsworth
(see P. 3)

PLANT TABLE PROVIDED BY:
Damon Collingsworth

SPEAKER'S DINNER
BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING
AT 5:30 PM:
*There will be no dinner
this month*

BOARD MEETING:
May 22nd at 7:30 pm
at the home of Pascual Machin



Coelogyne xyrekes

AT OUR NEXT MEETING MAY 8



Damon Collingsworth will talk to us about *carnivores*

Damon has grown carnivorous plants ever since, at the age of 12, he purchased a Cape sundew from Peter D'Amato at a local flea market. As he grew, so did his collection of these amazing plants. He was a constant presence at California Carnivores when it opened; first as a customer; then volunteer; then employee.

In 2001 he was offered the opportunity to manage the nurseries at Malesiana Tropicals in Borneo, the big island in Indonesia. He spent a year there at Malesiana better learning the cultivation and habitat of the Nepenthes. Upon his return to the states he took a job at a general retail nursery until he was able to return to California Carnivores. He has worked full time as the general manager since 2008 and became an owner in 2009. It is his great pleasure to see California Carnivores grow and thrive as it provides only the highest quality carnivorous plants. California Carnivores houses the largest collection of carnivorous plants in the world.



His photography is featured in the award-winning, bestselling revised edition of "The Savage Garden".

AT OUR APRIL MEETING: *-Brad Piini*



If you are a woman orchid grower and a shoe collector, then you will have no problem taking a major portion of your greenhouse or window sill and devoting it to the shoe of the plant kingdom- the lady slipper.

Chris Mende was our shoe sales person at the DVOS April meeting. Chris has been growing lady slippers for years now and has been mentored by some of the best in the business on just how to get these plants to make slippers for your enjoyment. At the meeting she presented her views on how to raise your lady slippers to look as good as possible through her cultural techniques.



Phal. Golden Emperor

Paphiopedilums, or Paphs, are not like your typical orchid. Their roots do you not have the white vellum covering like typical orchid plants. Instead they have brown colored vellum. These orchids are terrestrial in nature and grow in layers of humus on the forest floor. There are two major subdivisions of Paphiopedilums. They are Brachys (brachypetalums) and Parveys (Parvisepalums). Brachys have fat succulent leaves and succulent roots that don't need water very often. These orchids can be treated like a succulent when it comes to watering. Parveys are very hardy and won't freeze in cold weather. They have waxy leaves and can tolerate very dry conditions.

Chris grows all of her Paphs in just two types of medium Orchidata and Growstone. Grow stone is like perlite but harder so it cannot be crushed. It is made from expanded glass.

Chris recommends that you never leave a Paph in the same pot for very long. The roots of a Paph don't like any decomposition of the media. Decomposition creates an acid zone that the roots don't like. They prefer an alkaline zone to grow in. To avoid this decomposition you need to repot with new media every couple of years.

The first thing that Chris does with a new Paph that she has acquired is to soak the plant in Physan for 20 minutes. This will kill any viruses on the plant. Next, she sprays the plant with an insecticide to kill any bugs. Then she quarantines the plant for 2 months before it is allowed to enter the greenhouse. To replant the Paph she will sometimes cut the plant in half with a knife. Then cut the roots if they are too long so that they will fit in the new pot. Then she fills in around the roots with Orchidata and Growstone. Chris likes to grow her Paph's in the shade. Many times she will put them under the greenhouse benches to get the leaves dark green. She also likes the leaves to be upright at a 45 degree angle this indicates that your Paph is receiving the right amount of light. Chris fertilizes her Paphs every week with RO water and MSU fertilizer at 150 ppm whenever she waters.



Phal. Barbara King

Thank you Chris for the valuable information on how to grow Paphiopedilums.



Rhyncholaelia glauca



Den. infundibulum



MEMBER SALES

DVOS MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SELL UNWANTED PLANTS AND DIVISIONS, BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND ORCHID RELATED ITEMS, AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. THIS BENEFITS MEMBERS WITH STUFF TO UNLOAD AND THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AS 25% OF ALL SALES ARE DUE TO THE SOCIETY. FUTURE SALES WILL BE PAID FROM BUYER TO SELLER DIRECTLY. SELLERS ARE ASKED TO GIVE THE 25% FEE TO OUR TREASURER.



Cym. Noname



C. loddigesii



Bulb. platyrachis

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

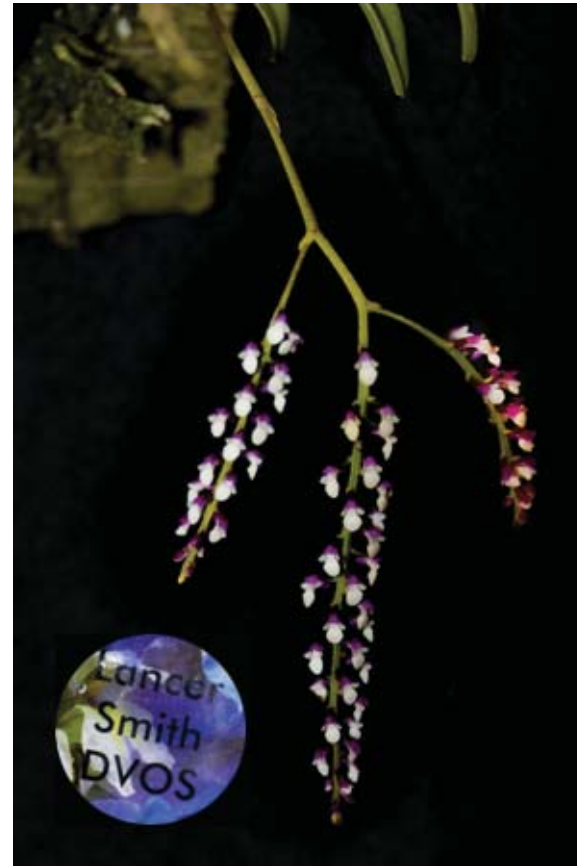
May 8: DVOS Meeting with Damon Collingsworth from California Carnivores

May 10-11: Mother's Day Sale (p. 11)
Lakeside Park Garden Ctr. 666 Bellevue Ave
Oakland 10:00 - 5:00

May 22: Board meeting at the home of Pascual Machin

Oct. 4-5 Pleasant Hill Art, Jazz & Wine Event (DVOS will have a booth)

Aug 16: DVOS Picnic



schoenorchis gemmata

Mother's Day Weekend Orchid Show & Sale 2014

Orchid
Displays

Orchids
for Sale

Culture
Sessions

Raffles

FREE
Admission



Saturday

May 10

10AM - 5PM

Sunday

May 11

10AM - 5PM

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Tickets*

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Ctt. Aussie Sunset

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<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org>

Awards DVOS April

Novice

- 1st *C. loddigesii* Marcia Hart
2nd *Phal.* Barbara King
Pascual Machin
3rd *Cym.* NoName Jeanette Bean

Intermediate

- 1st *Phal.* Golden Emperor Linda Castleton
2nd *Rl. glauca* Phyllis Arthur
3rd *Coel. xyrekes* Parky Parkison

Advanced

- 1st *Bulb. platyrachis* Mark Dillard
2nd *Den. infundibulum* Tom Pickford
3rd *Ctt.* Aussie Sunset Ted McClellan

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Schoenorchis gemmata* Yunor Peralta



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

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MAY MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:



FOOD:

(Food must be cut into servings)

David Trebotich
Judith Johnston
Pascual Machin
Phyllis Arthur

DRINKS:

Dave Altman
David Trebotich
Linda Castleton

ICE:

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:

Brenda Aday

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair

membership@dvos.org

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Commercial Members \$40

Lifetime Members \$300

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