

OCTOBER 2014

*Diablo View*

*Orchid  
Society*

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

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Oct 9 at 7:30 at the Contra Costa Water District board room**

**Orchids 101: Show & Tell with Cultural Tips and Problem Solving with emphasis on Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, and Oncidiums.**

PLANT TABLE:

**There will be a grab bag raffle of Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, and Oncidiums.**

BOARD MEETING:

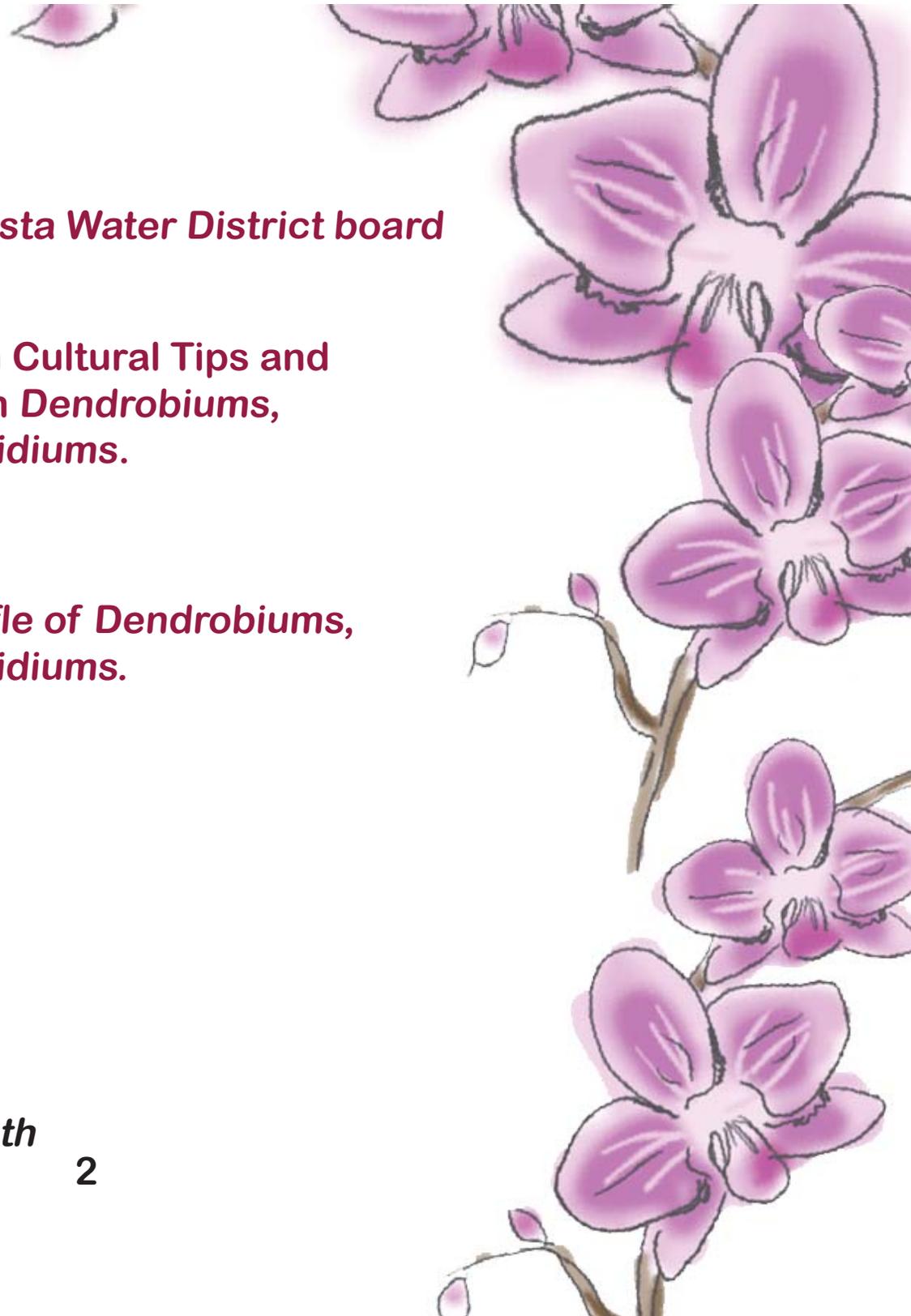
**Oct. 16 at 7:30 pm  
at the home of Brad & Karen  
Piini**

SPEAKER'S DINNER

BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING

AT 5:30 PM:

**No speaker's dinner this month**



# Art, Jazz & Wine Festival

Pleasant Hill Oct 4-5

Downtown Pleasant Hill on Crescent Drive.

Sat. (Set-up 8 am - 10 am) 10 am - 9 pm we will probably leave before 9 pm as we have no lights.

Sun. 10 am - 5 pm (take down 5 pm - 6 pm)

This year we will have our annual Show & Sale at the Art, Jazz, & Wine Festival in Pleasant Hill.

This is our best shot at recruiting new members.

We will have a display, some plants for sale, and a membership drive which includes the ever popular "free orchid".



Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up and to occupy the booth, in 4 hour shifts.



# AT OUR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 9



***Orchids 101*** - Members will share their best practices, cultural tips, and solutions to problems.

If you have a successful specimen, bring it and tell us how you do it.

## GRAB BAG PLANT TABLE

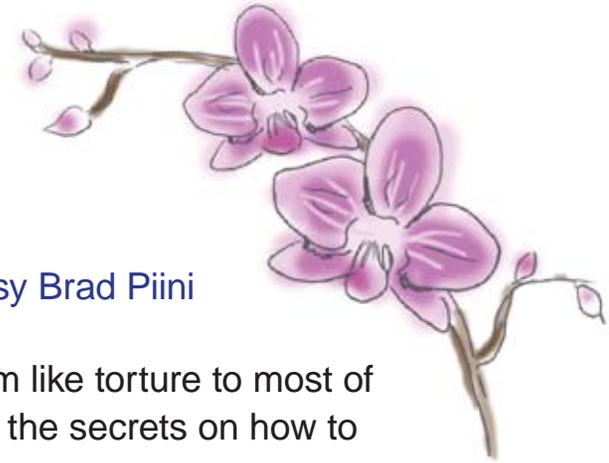
At our October meeting our *Opportunity Table* will be the, always popular, Grab Bag event. Tickets will be offered at \$12. When your ticket is called, you will have the opportunity to choose a plant from the Table. Every ticket is guaranteed to result in the holder getting a plant.

***IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE OUR 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

DVOS needs two additional Board Members to help plan the 2015 activities. Board Meetings will be the 2nd Thursday of each month. (Regular meetings are moving to the 3rd Thursday.) If you are willing to help with the planning and running of DVOS call Eileen Jackson, 2014 President, so your name can be added to the list of potential Board Members

# AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING: Bruce Rogers talked to us about Sobralias

Courtesy Brad Piini



Staring at one orchid flower for an entire day without moving may seem like torture to most of us, but to Bruce Rogers it was the key to making a small fortune by learning the secrets on how to hybridize the Sobralia orchid.

Bruce Rogers was our September DVOS speaker. He is one of the few people in the world with the knowledge and expertise on how to hybridize the Sobralias. For years no one could figure out how to cross the Sobralia orchid. Many in the industry said it couldn't be done. Bruce claims that to learn the secret of hybridizing the Sobralia orchid, he did indeed sit in a lawn chair and stare at one Sobralia orchid plant, in the wild, for an entire day while people brought him food, water, and sunscreen. Bruce says that anyone who does this will gain great insight into the secrets of hybridizing Sobralia orchids.

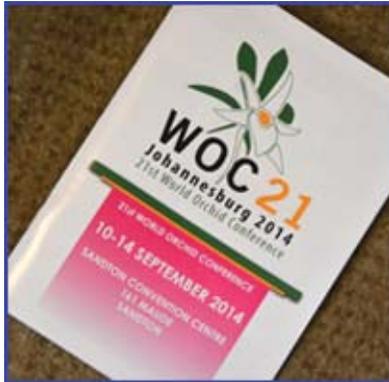
After nearly 30 years, Bruce has one of the largest collections of Sobralia hybrids in the world. Many of these hybrids are worth hundreds of dollars and the blooms can last for weeks, not just hours.

Bruce went on to show at least 150 slides out of his a 1500 slide collection on Sobralias. He talked in an accelerated and enthusiastic manner that made note taking virtually impossible. At that point, I sat back and just enjoyed the passion that Bruce showed for his craft of being able to hybridize Sobralias.

Thanks again, Bruce, for a very energetic and insightful presentation.

# WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

Several DVOS members travelled to Johannesburg, South Africa to attend the WOC 21, September 5-10.



DVOS members Eileen, Kathy, and Liz

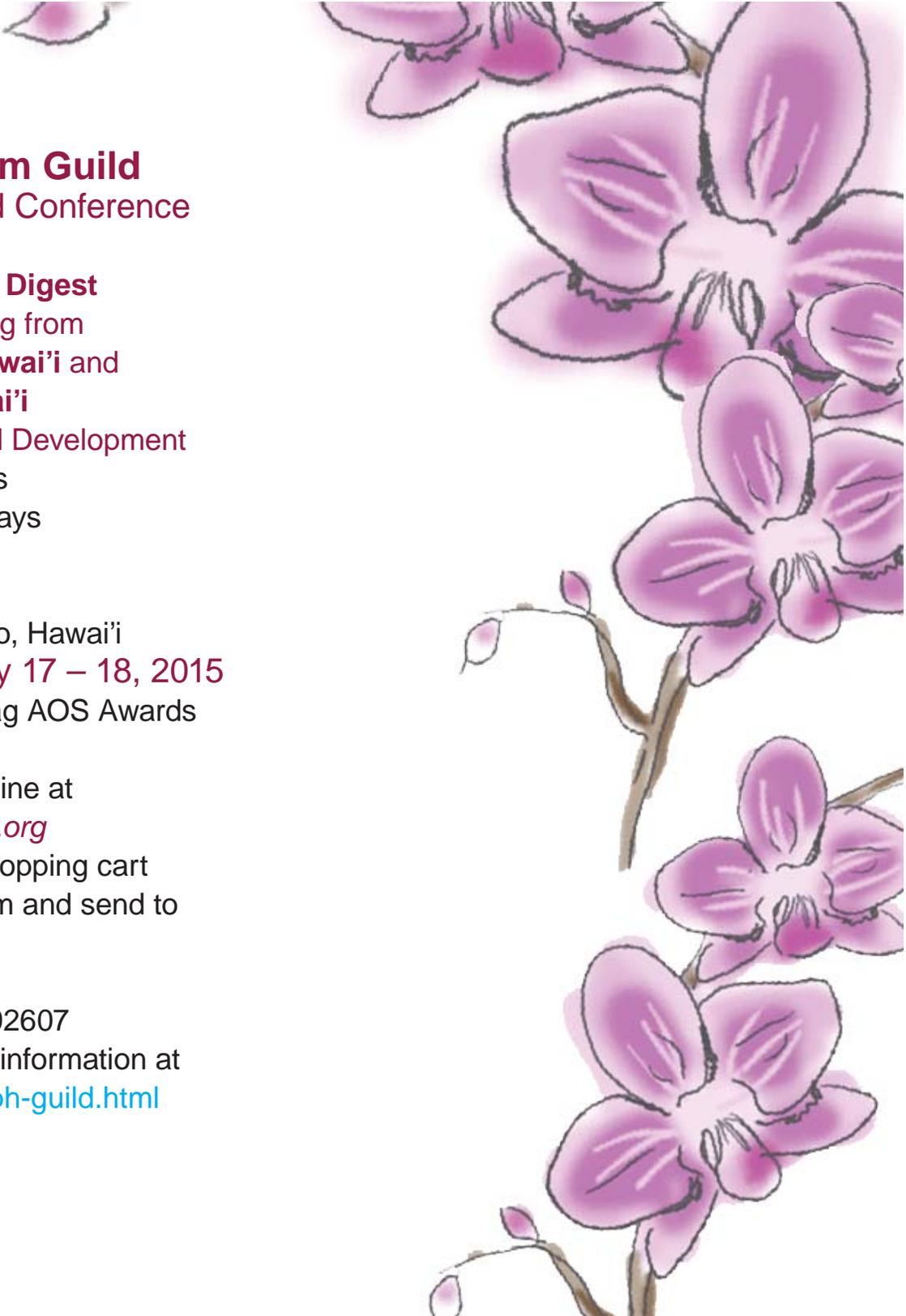


Carol on Judging day





More pictures of WOC21  
are posted to our facebook page:  
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Complete agenda and hotel information at

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## DVOS is moving in 2015

Our current meeting place, the Contra Costa Water District Board room, will not be available to us next year due to earthquake retrofitting. Beginning in

January, we will meet at the newly rebuilt Pleasant Hill Community Center in the McHale Room. Some of you will remember this as the location where we held our Fall Show for many years prior to the rebuild.

In addition to changing our location, we will also be changing from the second Thursday to the third Thursday of each month. The Community Center is located at 320 Civic Dr. in Pleasant Hill (near the Police station and the YMCA.)

### *Want to be a Board Member ?*

Help decide the direction of DVOS.

The Society benefits when more people are willing to help with the decisions about speakers and events. Call Eileen Jackson (2014 president) or any board member, to let them know you would be willing to serve as a board member in 2015.

# AOS Corner



From the Desk of Laura Newton  
Chair- Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee

Register for the Fall AOS Members' Meeting in Orlando, Florida (October 31st-November 2nd)! Friday and Saturday will be jam-packed with speakers, auctions, and a barbeque, not to mention a fabulous Orchid Show with more than 15 vendors from all over the country and abroad.

You don't want to miss this event!

Check out all the details on the main page of the website [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

The Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society is seeking nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society. 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 2015.

Growing our membership, one  
Orchid lover at a time,  
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*Paph. fascinata*

## *Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc.*

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Our Fall Sale is the event that our customers enjoy the most - and we enjoy it too! It is a win-win for everyone, and a win for orchid conservation as well. This is the 26th year for our Fall Sale. prices are reduced by 10 - 30%. Our website has just been updated and our shopping cart can process both Sale and non-sale items together. Some great new just-released plants are available now. This sale ends on October 15th. If you would like a print Sale Catalog mailed to you or a PDF sale catalog e-mailed to you, simply contact us at our website. You can help us save time by ordering online, or please call us Toll-Free at (866) 572-8569. You can also print out an Order Form from the Ordering Page of our website and mail it, or fax it to us at (808) 572-8917. For e-mail inquiries, please contact Kathy by using the Contact Form on our website. Order securely at [www.tropicalorchidfarm.com](http://www.tropicalorchidfarm.com)



# UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

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& Wine Festival**

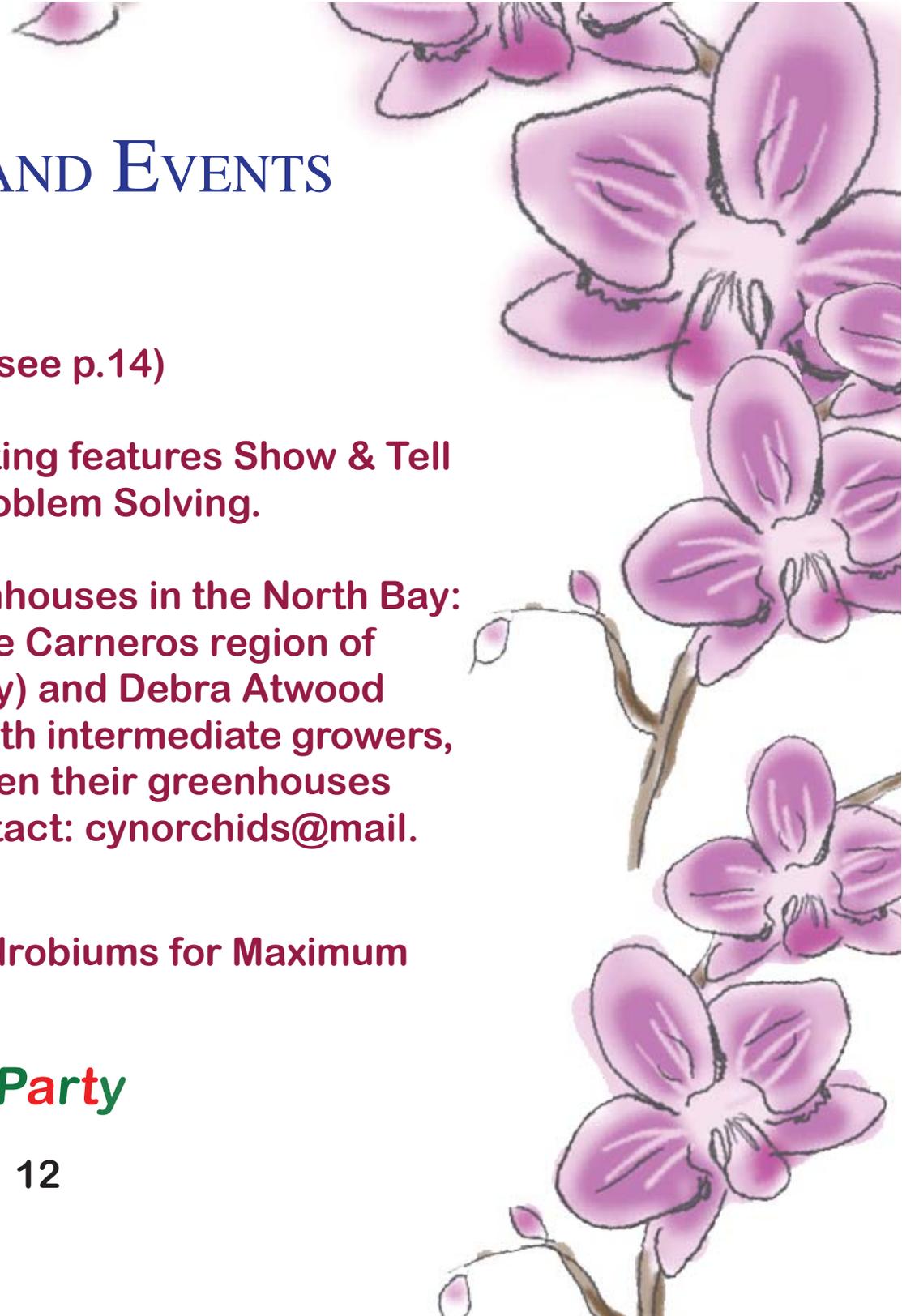
**DVOS will have a booth (see p.14)**

**Oct. 9: Orchids 101 - DVOS meeting features Show & Tell  
with Cultural Tips and Problem Solving.**

**Oct 18-19: 11-4 Two Open Greenhouses in the North Bay:  
Cynthia Battershall (in the Carneros region of  
southern Sonoma County) and Debra Atwood  
(Napa Valley Orchids), both intermediate growers,  
twenty minutes apart, open their greenhouses  
with plants for sale. Contact: [cynorchids@mail.com](mailto:cynorchids@mail.com)  
or 707-255-8266.**

**Nov 13: Carol Klonowski on “Dendrobiums for Maximum  
Flowering.”**

**Dec: Annual DVOS *Holiday Party***





**Fall  
Orchid  
Festival**  
presented by the  
Carmel Orchid Society

**Friday,  
Saturday  
November  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
9AM - 4PM**

Orchid Sales  
Orchid Display  
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Orchid Care Classes  
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## Suggestion Box

We will have a **SUGGESTION BOX** on the table where we sell raffle tickets. If you want us to bring in a speaker on a topic you are interested in, if you are having a problem, or just have questions you want addressed at our meetings, **MAKE A SUGGESTION**. You can also email your ideas to [dvosnews@gmail.com](mailto:dvosnews@gmail.com)

Marcia Hart is our *New Member Mentor*. Contact her at [MarHart2@aol.com](mailto:MarHart2@aol.com) if you have questions or a problem, or need advice on an orchid topic. (Her phone number is in your roster). Marcia will answer your question or find someone who can.

## Lost & Found

If you are the individual who left the meeting without your blouse, contact Miki Ichiyanagi

# REFRESHMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:



## FOOD:

*(Food must be cut into servings)*

- Doris Hearn
- Jamie Wasson
- Jackie Krstulovich
- Rita Tischler

## DRINKS:

- Jim Wert
- Grace Chan

## ICE:

- Jim Wert

## SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:



# Awards DVOS October



## Novice

- 1st *Bulb. lobbii* Marcia Hart  
2nd *Mtssa. Radermaker 'Ace'* Rita Tischler  
3rd *Cym. Golden Elf* Marcia Hart

## Intermediate

- 1st *Masd. Red Wing* Miki Ichiyonagi  
2nd TBA (missing paperwork)  
3rd *Paph. fasciata* Barbara Ungersma

## Advanced

- 1st *Den. tobaense* Tom Pickford  
2nd *Bulb. jacobsonii* Mark Dillard  
3rd *Lc. Tahoe Rose v. coerulea* Sue Davis

## Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

*Rest. Noname* Jim Wert

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

*Two things I think are interesting:*

The newly described Phrag species from Colombia: *Phrag anguloi* (I think I spelled that right). The description can be found at *Richardiana*: <http://www.richardiana.com/pdfRich/Richardiana-vol14-33-Phragmipedium.pdf>

The AOS Species Identification Task Force (SITF) has some interesting links about *Coelogyne Unchained Melody* vs *Coel. mossiae* at their blog: <http://speciesidentificationtaskforce.blogspot.com/2014/09/coelogyne-mossiae.html>

- K. Barrett

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