

DECEMBER
2015

Diablo View



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DVOS meets on the third Thursday of the month
in the McHale Room of the Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Dr. in Pleasant Hill, CA.
7:30-10:00 pm

AT OUR NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 17

DVOS Holiday Party

Date: December 17th

In the large room at the Pleasant Hill
Community Center

(The same building where we have our meetings)

Food assignments:

A-H Salad

I-O Hot Dish

P-Z Dessert



Gift Exchange

Plant Auction

AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING:

BY BRAD PIINI

CINDY HILL



Cindy Hill was our November guest speaker. Her topic was *My Ten Favorite Orchids*

What makes an orchid a favorite? Simple things, according to Cindy. The orchids have to be good bloomers, they must be reliable in their blooming habits, and the flowers must be of good size and long lasting. The plant itself must be compact, have an appealing growth habit and be available in multiple clones or natural varieties. It should also be fragrant.

Cindy's first favorite was *Laelia jongheana*. This plant has flowers that are 5 to 6 inches in width and last up to 4 weeks. The flower itself has a beautiful, delicate frilly, lacey lip. It's a cool growing orchid and mature plants are available.

How do you make this a happy growing plant? It likes it cool to cold condition, but is tolerant of heat for a short period of time. Constant air movement is a requirement, so it grows best when mounted rather than

potted. This orchid should be watered daily when its root tips are green. Always

avoid watering the buds and flowers. When this plant is exposed to bright light the blossoms will be a deeper color.



Den. kanburiense



R/c Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS

The second favorite orchid described was *Cleisocentron gokusingii*.

This orchid is really blue!!! It blooms several times per year. It has a compact growth habit, usually not exceeding 12 to 16 inches in height.

When it does flower it has between 5-30 blossoms at a time and the inflorescence comes out of the base of the plant. It's a vandaceous type of orchid. How do you make this plant happy? It needs to be grown in intermediate to cool conditions. You should use a net pot so that the roots get ample air circulation. It likes bright light without heat. This orchid requires daily watering when in growth.

The third favorite orchid is *Cochlioda noezliana*. What makes this one of Cindy's favorite orchids is the vibrant tomato - orange color. The flowers exhibit multiple pigment layers. There are 6 to 25 flowers per inflorescence and each blossom is one to two inches in size. How do you make this plant happy? Grow it in



Den. Spider Lily



intermediate to cool conditions. It likes constant air movement and excellent drainage, so it should be mounted or in a net basket. This orchid grows best in high humidity and likes it wet, wet, wet. It needs bright diffused light and if it's grown too shady it won't bloom for you.

Favorite plant number four was *Coelogyne kaliana*. What makes his plant special? It has crystalline white flowers. Each inflorescence has 10 to 25 long lasting 3-inch flowers.



Ddc. cobbianum

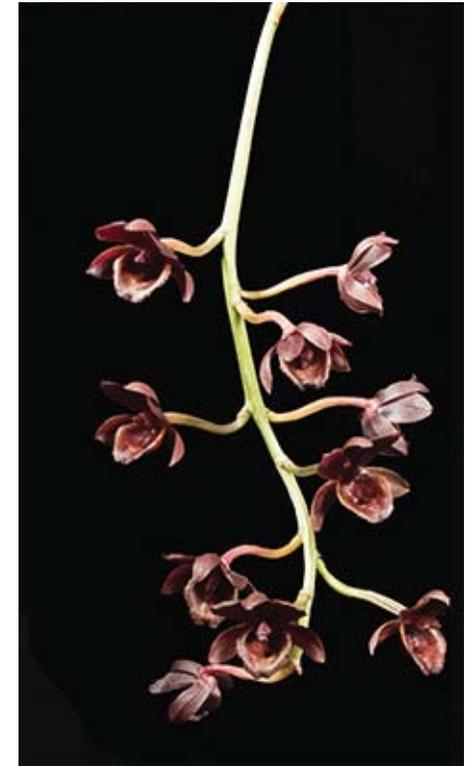
The foliage is a bronze to deep green color and the plant has a tidy growth habit. How do you grow this plant so that it's happy? Do not disturb its roots. Use the slip pot method when it out grows its current container. It prefers to be grown in mesh basket with small bark. This will provide it with excellent drainage. This plant likes to be grown in intermediate temperatures with dappled light to deep shade. It prefers to be watered heavily daily.

Favorite plant number five was *Laelia speciosa*. This plant has large flowers that are 6 inches across. It's a very rugged plant with 1 to 5 blooms. It is slightly fragrant and a challenge to grow. *Laelia speciosa* 'Jupiter' is the gold medal winner. How do you make this a happy plant? First off, do not water it until it blooms in the spring. In nature this plant experiences 7 months of drought per year. This means that during November through March only mist the plant, do not water it. During its growth cycle this orchid likes lots of water but it must dry quickly. Resume watering after it flowers in May. It prefers intermediate

cool to cold conditions, bright light, and constant air movement. It likes to be mounted on a stick.

Favorite plant number six was *Coelogyne usitana*.

This plant exhibits good color and ever lengthening inflorescences that grow in a zigzag pendant pattern. The flowers are two inches across and the plant is of moderate size. The award winner is Ramon De Los Santos. How do you make this a happy plant? Pot this orchid in a plastic pot with small tree fern mix. Don't divide this plant and don't damage the flower tips. It has to be hung because the inflorescences are pendent. It prefers



*C. Adi Lady Lala
'Ultima'*



Fdk. After Dark

intermediate to warm growing conditions and does not require a winter rest. It prefers bright light.

Favorite plant number seven was *Dendrobium aurantiflammeum*. What makes this plant one of Cindy's favorites is its brilliant tangerine color.



Liparis vividiflora

It has 15 to 30 flowers and bloom several times per year. How do you make this a happy plant? Grow this orchid in intermediate to cool conditions, mounted on a tree fern fiber with sphagnum moss. Do not disturb the roots or the old canes because the plant blooms off the old canes. It prefers indirect light.

Favorite plant number eight was *Neofinetia falcata*. This plant has beautiful long lasting white flowers with a lovely fragrance and a long nectar tube. This is one of the most expensive orchids. Subtle variations of its leaves, flowers and roots cause this plant's value to vary greatly.



Isabelia pulchella

It can be grown on a windowsill. How do you grow this plant happy? This orchid can be grown in pots or mounted. If you do pot it, it needs to be potted up high above the level of the pot. It is tolerant of hot and cold down to freezing temperatures. If you have to repot this plant, do it only in the winter time. It prefers good light and needs to be kept moist in the growing season and almost dry in the winter.

Favorite plant number nine was *Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis*. This plant has a beautiful fragrance. The blossoms are two to two and one half inches wide and the flowers last six to eight weeks. The plant grows 10 - 14 inches in height and produces two inflorescences per bulb. How do you make this a happy plant? This plant prefers to grow in intermediate to cool conditions. It likes to be planted in a clay pot with moss or a small pot with bark. This orchid needs to be moist all year long with a humidity of 50%. It likes moderate light.

Favorite plant number ten was *Schoenorchis buddleiflora*. This plant comes from Borneo and has 25 to 40 lilac colored flowers with a pendant growth pattern. How do you make this plant happy? It prefers intermediate temperature. It prefers to be mounted and will not grow in a pot. You need to water the plant year round and it prefers moderate to bright light.



Bulb. longisepalum

Thank You Cindy for your top 10 list. It was a wonderful presentation with beautiful slide accompaniment.

- Brad Piini

Group Purchase of Orchiata

We have put in an order for **125 bags** of bark (**Wow!**) to be delivered to Dave and Alice's house next week.

Please **bring a check made out to 'DVOS' to the Holiday Party on December 17th** and give it to Liz Charlton. If you can't make the party, give your check to Alice Tomassini when you pick up your order.

We will ask David and Alice for a couple of pick up dates and advise you via email blast.

Liz and Alice will have a spreadsheet showing what everyone owes, so all you need to do is bring your checkbook and a pen.

Happy Potting! (Come Spring)



Awards DVOS November 2015

Novice

1st *Isa. puchella*

Dave Trebotich

2nd *C. Adi Lady Lala 'Ultima'*

Renata Johnson

3rd *Dendrochilum cobbianum*

Dave Trebotich

Intermediate

1st *Den. Spider Lily*

Linda Castleton

2nd *Rlc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon'*

Gordon Knight

3rd *Fredclarkeara After Dark*

Barbara Ungersma

Advanced

1st *Liparis vividiflora*

Jim Wert

2nd *Vascostylis Pearl Cooper*

Dennis Olivas

3rd *Bulb. longisepalum*

Mark Dillard

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

Den. kanburiense

Dave Trebotich

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

Awards for March can be viewed at:

<http://www.csnjc.org>



Awards from November are on the web page. Yes, I update the Facebook page too, but the web page has the stats. <http://www.csnjc.org> It has the descriptions and measurements so you can compare/contrast your flower to the awarded ones. If you want. The Facebook page just has the pretty pictures. -Kathy Barrett

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Contact her at 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.



Vasco. Pearl Cooper

Barbara Ungersma will become our
refreshment chair in 2016

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE
JANUARY MEETING WILL BE
PROVIDED BY THE BOARD

LOCAL SOCIETIES & EVENTS

San Francisco Orchid Society - San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way - First Tuesday each month 7:00 pm
<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org>

Napa Valley Orchid Society - Napa Valley Senior Center located at 1500 Jefferson Street in Napa - Second Friday each month 6:45 pm - <http://nv-os.org>

Sacramento Orchid Society - Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave. (921-0569), Sacramento - First Wednesday each month 7:00 pm - <http://sacramentoorchids.org>

Sonoma County Orchid Society - Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds) Second Tuesday each month 6:45 pm
<http://sonomaorchids.com>

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers - San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo Third Friday Sept. to May 7:00 pm
<http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com>

Marin Orchid Society - Tamalpais Room, San Rafael Corporate Center, 750 Lindero St., below 2nd St. - Fourth Tuesday each month except December- 6:30
<http://www.marinorchidsociety.com>

Orchid Society of California - Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue Oakland - Third Monday 7:00 pm - <http://bearlyvisible.net/orchidsocietyca/>

DVOS Grower Divisions 2015

Advanced

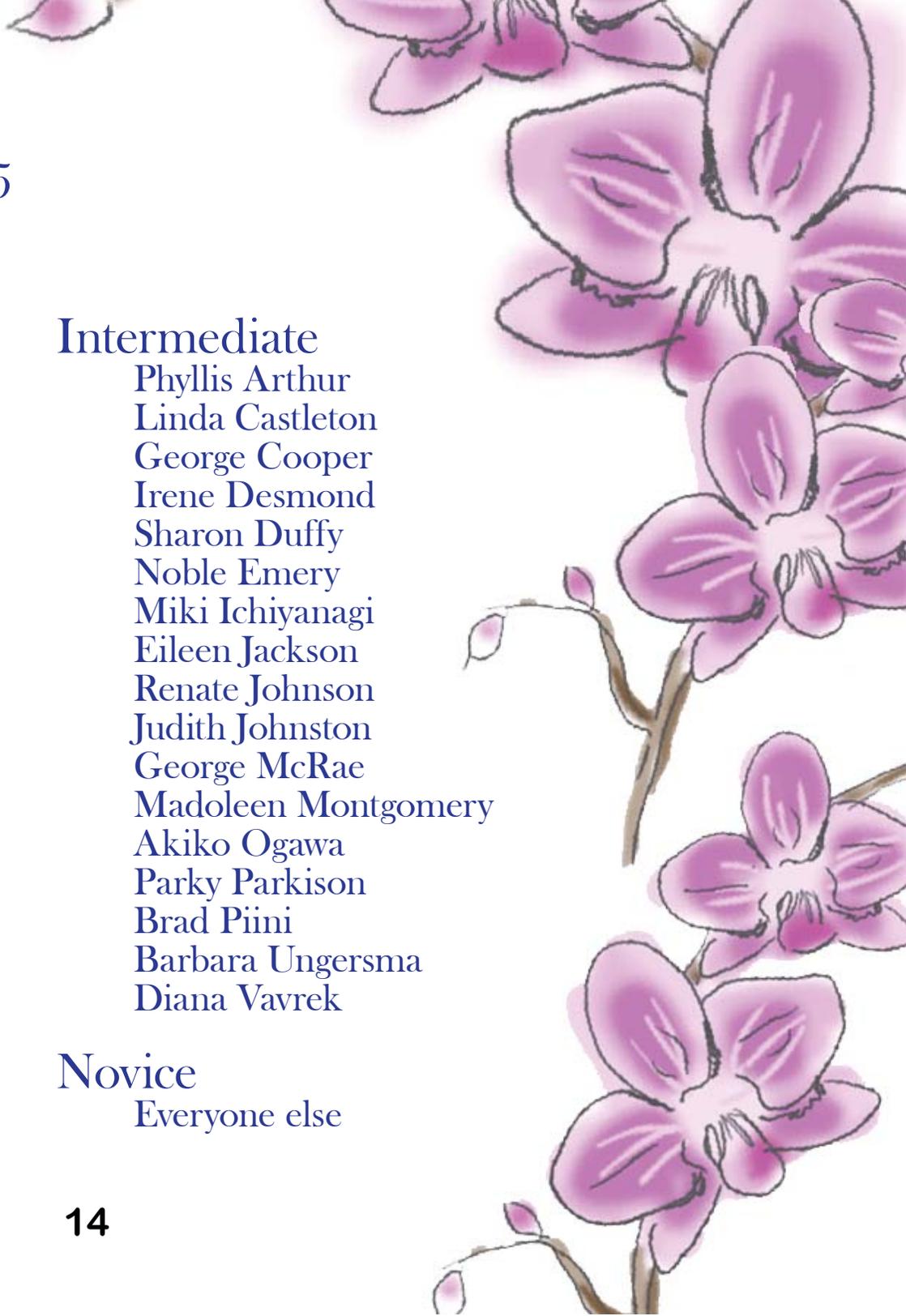
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Novice

Everyone else



Diablo View Orchid Society Membership 2016

Membership \$30 Business \$40 Life \$300 Add \$10 if you wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail.

All Membership are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 1 the following year, your privileges will cease. Monthly newsletter will be sent by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address.

New Membership Membership Renewal Date _____

		Principal Member		Spouse or Significant Other	
First Name					
Last Name					
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Cell Phone			
E-Mail					
Address					
City	State	Zip			
Name of Business					
Web Site					
Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS) <input type="checkbox"/> Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC) <input type="checkbox"/>					

Cultivation (Check all that apply)			
Indoor	Outdoor	Greenhouse	Commercial
What is your favorite genus to grow?			
Phalaenopsis	Cattleya	Cymbidium	Dendrobium
Masdevallia	Paphiopedilum	Phragmipedium	Pleurothallids
Zygopetalum	Vanda		
Other			

DVOS perpetuates with the fun and diligent work performed by our membership. We would like to know if you would be interested in participating in the various functions in order to keep this fun, educational and friendly environment.

I would like to actively participate as an officer or in a committee (Check all that is applicable):

Elected Officer:		Committees:	
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