

Diablo View Orchid Society

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March Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 8 at 7:15 PM
at the Contra Costa Water District

Refreshments will be supplied by:
Lisa Chow,
Judith Johnston,
Arlene Cosand and
Barbara Ungeisma

Drinks will be supplied by:

Ice will be supplied by Jim Wert

Our March meeting speaker is Steve Beckendorf

"Why are there so many orchids?"



About the speaker

Steve Beckendorf started growing orchids in the early 1980s and quickly became fascinated by Odontoglossums and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent hybrids were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast.

He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing. His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico & South America.

As a geneticist and developmental biologist at the University of California, Berkeley, Steve has worked on the mechanisms that define tissues and organs in early animal embryos. Because of this background, he has been interested in several of the scientific aspects of orchids, including molecular taxonomy and deceptive pollination strategies.

Steve is passionately involved in orchid conservation and is a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) and a member of the Conservation Committee of the American Orchid Society. He is also an accredited AOS judge.

The plant table for March will be supplied by Dennis Olivas/D&D Orchids.

President's Message

Dear Orchid Enthusiasts:

I just returned from Australia and New Zealand. In a month of traveling and hiking in parks I saw very few orchids and only 1 in bloom. I was told that the orchid flowers there are small. It seems this is not the season for blooming down under. I was happy to return home to see that there were several blooming orchids in my green house, proving that I don't have to be present for have success! My only concern was that it might have been too dry when in fact, my outside atrium area plants still seemed fine.

A special thanks goes to Renate who took over for me during my absence.

Marcia

February meeting winners:

				Place	Points
Febr	Advanced	Cattleya loddigesii	Sung Lee	1	3
Febr	Advanced	Rlc Freespirit 'Gold Dust'	Phyllis Arthur	2	2
Febr	Advanced	Den. Roy Tokunaga	Sung Lee	3	1
Febr	Intermediate	Prada Green Nation?	Linda Castleton	1	3
Febr	Intermediate	C. Russian Lacquer.	Renate Johnson	2	2
Febr	Intermediate	Cymbidium noname	Jeanette Beane	3	1
Febr	Novice	Dend. Kingianum	Jackie Krustulovich	1	3
Febr	Novice	Cymbidium noname	Daniel Neighbor	2	2
Febr	Novice			3	1
Febr	Lancer	Vanda (Neofinetia falcata) Fuji Musume	Ted McClellan		1

This is Ranate's 2nd place winner: C. Russian Lacquer

