The DVOS annual picnic is scheduled for August 22, 2009. It will be held at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder. This event is open to all DVOS members and guests. Everyone needs to bring an orchid or orchid item to donate to the auction fundraiser.

Food will be the usual. The Club will supply chicken and ribs, members bring side dishes according to the following schedule:

- A-E Side Dish
- F-I Salad
- J-Q Hor D’oeuvres
- R-Z Dessert

Bring enough for 10 servings.

Set-up 10:30-12:00, Lunch 12:30-1:30, Auction 2:00-3:30, Clean-up 4:00-5:00

Every member should be available to help set-up or clean-up.

Come dressed as your favorite character. $50 prize to the best costume.
Our speaker in July was
Peter Lin

Mini-Catt Culture and Breeding

Miniature cattleyas was the topic of discussion from our July speaker, Peter Lin.

Peter gave a very informative and slick PowerPoint presentation that showed what genetic cross-breeding can produce in the world of miniature orchids.

Miniature orchids are a favorite of many hobbyists because they, obviously, are small and compact. They are also able to flower more than once a year compared to a standard cattleya that only blooms one time per year. Miniature Cattleyas are available in most Cattleya colors and will grow faster than standard Cattleyas. The only drawback to mini Cattleyas is that most are not fragrant. Only the ones with C. Walkeriana in their background smell good.

At this point in the presentation, Peter showed DVOS various mini cattleya parent plants which when crossed resulted in some spectacular hybrids.

Peter concluded with some cultural information on miniature cattleyas. The best place to grow miniature cattleyas is, of course, in a greenhouse, but they also do well on an easterly facing window sill. They can also be grown outdoors, except in the cold of winter. If you
elect to grow them indoors under lights, you will need to provide the Cattleyas with four fluorescent tubes placed four inches above the orchids. Temperature requirements for miniature Cattleyas are similar to standard Cattleyas. They prefer intermediate conditions, which are 40-50 degrees F at night and a high of 90 degrees F in the summer. Light requirements for miniature Cattleyas are slightly less than standard Cattleyas. They only require 1500-2500 foot candles. The watering needs of miniature Cattleyas are different, mainly, because they are smaller plants in smaller pots that tend to dry out quicker. Therefore, you need to water more frequently than regular Cattleyas. Even in winter you need to water every 10 days. Remember to fertilize every time you water with a weak solution of one teaspoon of any fertilizer per gallon of water.

For a visual catalog and prices of Peter's orchids his web site is lin.petert@yahoo.com

Thank you Peter for the enlightening talk.
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Board meetings are more fun at DVOS.
Happy birthday to David and Eileen (who went to a different party. But, we’re not bitter)

Membership News
Let’s give a warm welcome to Ray Newbury from Livermore who re-joined DVOS again This increased the membership to 80.

Diablo View Orchid Society Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership Chair 202 Gaucho Ct * San Ramon * CA 94583 www.membership@DVOS.org
Upcoming Speakers and Events

Aug 8: The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center is holding a Speaker’s Day [http://www.csnjc.org](http://www.csnjc.org) (P. 9)

Aug 22: Annual DVOS BBQ. We will not hold a regular meeting in August. (P. 1)

Sept 10: Growing Orchids and Conserving Energy Year ‘Round by Dennis Olivas

Oct 8: Plant Nutrition by David Neal of Dyna-Gro

Oct 16-18: DVOS annual Show & Sale

Crpha. Emily Siegerist “D&B 52 x Cirr. Elizabeth Ann “Buckleberry” x Bulb lasiochilum

See what is available in our library: [www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm](http://www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm)

To check-out an item, contact Phyllis Arthur

The next Board Meeting will be on Aug. 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bryan & Joan Wraxall

Refreshments for the Sept Meeting

Ice Cream Social

Cookies: Madge Fordyce, Noble Emery, Melissa Sadler, Parkey Parkison, Sharon Duffy, Ashley Bean, Ken Cook

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Makayla Shields, Dave Altman, Elizabeth Marquez
Greenhouse Tours

Our greenhouse tour on July 12 was lots of fun, and very filling. Thanks to Brad, Karen, & Herbert the Duck Piini, Sue, Frank, & Madge Fordyce, Parky & Nancy Parkison and all the members who attended.

It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Jennifer English, at her home, on July 16th. Jennifer was a long time member of DVOS. She was always available to help out at Club events. Jennifer’s humor and energy will be missed. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, John, her daughters Allison and Lauren, her sister Anne Teller, and her dogs Sammy and Marina. DVOS has made a donation to the American Orchid Society in her memory.
Awarded Plants in July

1st *Thunia. Gattonense “Adagent” AM/AOS*
   Bernice Linder

2nd *Phal. Saga Yukidian x Yu Pin Beauty*
   Ken Cook

3rd *Crpha. Emily Siegerist “D&B 52” x Cirr. Elizabeth Ann “Buckleberry” FCC x Bulb. lasiochilum*
   Sharon Duffy

Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature) *Epigenium lyonii*
   Ken Cook

*Thunia. Gattonense “Adagent” AM/AOS*

A Reminder: Plants need to be on the show table by 7:15 pm so they can be grouped by genus.
Diablo View Orchid Society
August 2009

Presents a

Speaker’s Day

Saturday August 8, 2009
Oddfellow’s Building
1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden
Sacramento, Ca 95838

Featuring

Roy Tokunaga  H&R Nurseries  Understanding Dendrobiums, their variety & culture
Ron Mc Hatton  Director of Education for the American Orchid Society  
Simplified Orchid Genetics for the General Grower
Carlos Fighetti  President of the American Orchid Society  Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis
American Orchid Society Judging  See how we do it!

Break out sessions with culture talks on Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, miniature orchids, Paphiopediums and Cattleyas
Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants even FCC’s
Plants for sale with 10% of all plant sales donated to the American Orchid Society
Vendors are D&D Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Gold Country Orchids & H.P. Norton There's 150 tickets available for the event (the Oddfellow's Hall only holds that many people), of which 25 have been sold already. You may want to tell your club members that

General admission - $15.00  Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJC) or AOS members - $5.00
Advance tickets can be had by contacting Sue Wedegaertner suewede@clearwire.net .

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See listings at [www.alohacoastrealty.com](http://www.alohacoastrealty.com) and [www.hawaiiinformation.com](http://www.hawaiiinformation.com)

MLS # 224433
July 07/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center
http://www.aospacificcentral.org

Dendrobium unnamed hybrid 'Golden Gate', HCC 77 (prov)
(Den. glomeratum x Den. pseudoglomeratum), Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
Laelia purpurata var. sanguinea 'Hot Nights', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobson

July 02/09 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento
http://www.csnjc.org

Lc. Big Dipper 'Dubna', AM 80 (Lc. Little Dipper X L. sincorana), Exhibited by James Morris

July 20/09 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Laelia purpurata var. sanguinea 'Hot Nights', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Pictures can be seen at Pacific Central http://www.aospacificcentral.org
California Sierra Nevada http://www.csnjc.org

We look forward to seeing everyone at the California Sierra Nevada’s Speaker’s Day, Saturday August 8th 2009 at the Oddfellow’s Hall 1831 (Howe Ave at Alta Arden) Sacramento, Ca. 95838