At Our Next Meeting December 14th

It’s time for our annual Christmas Potluck dinner party

Your “ticket” for entrance is a two-part affair!

First you need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, enough for 8, according to the alphabet schedule. Bring your own plates, cutlery etc. A-H dessert, I-O salad and P-Z hot side dish or casserole.

Second you need to bring a gift orchid or orchid related item (something that you’d like to receive yourself) for the Annual Gift Exchange. Make sure any plants are bug free.

To keep things lively Santa and his helper Tinkle may show up and determine which little Diablo View Member has been naughty or nice!

The Dinner is at 6:00 PM at the Shadelands Arts Center, Walnut Creek. Map and directions on page 2.

Don’t forget the $50 prize for the best Xmas decorated orchid!!!
FROM OAKLAND, BERKELEY, ETC.
Highway 24 east exiting left onto Highway 680 north. Take the Ygnacio Valley Rd. exit and go 1.1 mi to the light. Turn right on Ygnacio Valley Rd. and go 2.9 mi. Turn left on North Wiget Ln. and go 0.1 mi. The Shadelands Arts Center parking lot is on the left.

FROM SACRAMENTO, CONCORD, PLEASANT HILL, ETC.
Highway 680 south to Exit 48 Treat Blvd./Geary Rd. Take exit and go 0.3 mi to the light. Turn left on N. Main and go 0.2 mi. to the next light. Turn left on Treat Blvd and go 1.1 mi. to Bancroft Rd and turn right. Go 0.7 mi to Ygnacio Valley Rd and turn left. Go 0.7 miles to North Wiget Ln. Turn left on North Wiget and go 0.1 mi. The Shadelands Arts Center parking lot is on the left.

FROM SAN JOSE, DANVILLE, ALAMO, ETC.
Highway 680 north to South Main St. off ramp. Stay on South Main 0.5 mi. to Newell. Turn right on Newell and go 0.2 mi. to stop light. Turn left on Broadway and go 0.7 mi. to Civic Dr. Turn right on Civic and go 0.3 mi. Turn right on Ygnacio Valley Rd. and go 2.5 mi. Turn left on North Wiget Ln. and go 0.1 mi. The Shadelands Arts Center parking lot is on the left.

111 North Wiget Lane
at Ygnacio Valley Rd. Walnut Creek
Awarded Plants in November

1st Place (3 pts)
Name of Plant: Bulbophyllum Medusae
Name of Grower: Linda Castleton

2nd Place (2 pts)
Name of Plant: Paph. Salty ‘Val’ HCC/AOS
Name of Grower: Eileen Jackson

3rd Place (1 pt)
Name of Plant: Lc. Angel Heart x ‘HiHumanu’
Name of Grower: Akiko Ogawa

Lancer P. Smith Medallion (1 pt)
Name of Plant: Ceratostylus retisquama
Name of Grower: Brian Wraxall

Look What I Bloomed for the Very First Time (1 pt)
Name of Plant: C. Shot Silk
Name of Grower: Diana Schneider

Sum of Points for 2006

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Bernice Lindner 8
Barbara Tague 9
no prize 8

Grand Total 80
November Speaker Review
Growing Mounted Orchids – or Mimicking Mother Nature

November’s presentation was by Harry Phillips who works with his brother Andy at Andy’s Orchids in Encinitas, California. They specialize in orchid species and grow most of their epiphytic plants “on a stick”. There are many advantages to growing orchids this way. You can see the entire plant, observe its root growth and adjust its care accordingly. Air movement is excellent. Also, both your plant and you are spared the trauma of repotting.

Harry said he wanted to dispel the myth about mounted orchids being difficult to grow. The most important thing is selecting an orchid that will be happy with the conditions you can provide. So it’s crucial to know both your environment and the conditions the orchid requires. The information sheet that accompanies an Andy’s orchid gives specific information on its requirements for Water, Light, Temperature and Air Movement. The most important of these for “sick” orchids is watering. First, know the quality of your water. The TDS (total dissolved solids) and sodium content is critical; San Diego has horrible water at 600 ppm TDS while many in our area blessed with EBMUD water at 40-60 ppm.

Second, water thoroughly. Harry emphasized this point throughout his talk – duration, duration, duration is the key. Give the plants “a good rainstorm”, then come back in an hour and do it again. If you water over a long time, you can water less often as the plant will store water better. Orchid roots won’t rot as they will in a pot.
Also essential is adequate light. Get a light meter if in doubt. You *should* be in doubt if your orchid is growing but not blooming. This is probably due to insufficient light and you “can’t win an argument with an orchid”; it’s either getting what it needs or it’s not.

Harry demonstrated how to attach an orchid to a stick:

There are different types of mounts: De-barked wood sticks (including madrone, manzanita, and fruit woods like pear and apple), cork, and tree fern. Drill a hole in the mount for a hanging wire. Andy’s also uses heavy duty plastic baskets instead of wooden baskets, which deteriorate over time.

Moss: You can use green Oregon tree moss for drier growing plants or New Zealand sphagnum moss for wetter growers.

Steps:

1) Make sure you have attached your hanging wire or hook to the mount. (Ed.)

2) Take the plant out of the pot, and trim off dead roots. Shorten several ‘good’ ones to about 3/8 inch (root pruning will encourage new growth).

3) Holding a small wad of moss on mount, place ‘good’ trimmed roots on top of moss orienting plant to grow across or up mount.

4) Using 12 lb test monofilament fishing line, wrap line multiple times around mount tying moss and plant firmly to the mount. Be careful not to damage any “eyes” or other new growth.

5) Done!

A special *thanks* to Cal West for their generous donation to our raffle table in October.

Diana Vavrek

Thank you Diana!!!

Brad
AOS Awards in November

California Sierra Nevada - 11/1/06

Blc. Glenn Maidment ‘Southern Cross’, HCC 77
(Blc. Toshie Aoki x C Horace), Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Paphiopedilum Dollgoldi ‘Cascade’, AM 80
(Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. armeniacum), Exhibited by Rob Terry

Slc. Purple Doll ‘Summer Solstice’, AM 85
(Slc. Pink Doll x Lc. Mini Purple), Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Vanda Crownfox Deva ‘D’s Delight’, HCC 75
(V. Doctor Anek x V. sanderiana), Exhibited by Dick and Donna Murrill

Pac Central, San Francisco - 11/6/06

Cattleya warscewiczii var. semi-alba ‘Augusta Victoria’, HCC 79
species, Exhibited by S. Christofferson

Orchid Society of California Show 11/10/06

Cymbidium elegans ‘x’, CCM 88
species, Exhibited by Cynthia Hill

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii ‘x’, CCM 82
species, Exhibited by Steve Beckendorf

Pacific Central - Oakland 11/20/06

no information at this time

Pictures can be seen at:
Pacific Central Judging Center: http://www.aospacificcentral.org
California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: http://www.csnjc.org
Orchids Under The Oaks

Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore has invited DVOS to participate exclusively in a new Bay Area Show entitled “Orchids Under the Oaks” on Jan. 20-21, 2007 (10 to 4). DVOS will partner with Alden Lane to produce their first annual Orchid Show. This presents DVOS with a unique opportunity to promote orchid education, membership in DVOS, and will provide us with revenues from a sales booth. We are very excited about this this opportunity to align ourselves with this prestigious Garden Center. Alden Lane hosts some amazing, well attended community events at their sprawling 4 acre compound (check out www.aldenlane.com).

This two day event will host 12 vendor booths, a greenhouse where our plants will be displayed, and an event room where for workshops and lectures. Members are encouraged to bring their orchids in for display and informal ribbon judging.

You will definitely want to be a part of this; and we will need help in lots of these areas: Orchid workshops, membership table, registering plants that go into the display and food prep. There will be sign-up sheets at the December potluck. You can contact Sue Fordyce for more information (925) 449-8903 home or (925) 447-0280 work (Alden Lane)

OrchidMania Greenhouse Sale Dec 10

Hundreds of hybrid Cattleya, Cymbidiums, Oncidium, Miltonia, Phalaenopsis, and Dendrobiums available. Many in bloom! Hundreds of hybrid high quality hybrid Vanda alliance plants from the renowned Thai nursery – Suphachadiwong Orchids – many in spike. And as always – an extensive collection of hard to find species that are rarely offered. Masdevallias, Dendrochilums, Dendrobiums, Pleurothallids, many more.

All Out of Bloom Hybrid Cattleya, Oncidium, Miltonia, Phal, Paph, and Dendrobium plants are ½ off! All Unnamed Hybrid Cymbidium and bare root Vanda Alliance plants are ½ off.

Parking is limited, so car pooling is recommended.
Driving directions at http://www.orchids.org/events/opengreenhouse.html
Upcoming Speakers and Events

December 14: Holiday Pot Luck at Shadelands Arts Center, Walnut Creek
January 11: Nick Burnett, 10 Ways to Kill an Orchid
January 21-22: Orchids Under the Oaks at Alden Lane Nursery
February 8: Pending
February 15-18: Pacific Orchid Exhibition
March 8: Ron Parsons will speak on native orchids
April 7: Orchid Walk on Mt Tamalpais with Ron Parsons
    Cost for this special event is $20 per person
May 12: Potting party for members and friends

The Next Board Meeting
A short board meeting will be held immediately following the Christmas Party.

New Meeting Time
Our meetings have been running late. Beginning in January we will start the meeting at 7:00 pm and end at 9:30 pm in order to clear the room before our 10:00 pm deadline.

Please have your plants on the tables by 7:15 pm for judging.
DVOS has 101 members as of 11/14/2006.
Let’s give a warm welcome to new members who joined DVOS in October and November 2006:

- Jery & Marilyn Burke from Lafayette
- Maria Collazos from Concord
- Carmen & Alfredo Dului from Walnut Creek
- Steven & Dixie Horspool from Concord
- Karen & Thomas Jefferson from Livermore
- Mary & Martin Kelly from Martinez
- Kasia Kessler & George Irving from Walnut Creek
- Gene & Judy Lash from Martinez
- Lori & Tay Maher from Lafayette
- Teo & Nancy McClellan from Chicago Park

Guests at the November meeting were: Ken Cook from El Cerrito, Chen-Hao Hsu from San Jose, Joe & Melinda Moreno, Nancy Roberts from Pacheco and Kris Zweig from Pacheco.

**Membership News**

Memberships dues for 2007 are due in January 2007!

Get a head start by filling out the renewal form and bringing it to the December meeting – Christmas party

General Membership is $15, Business $25. Please be so kind and fill out the renewal form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. It is also the only evidence that you paid your dues since the check will be handed to the treasurer immediately after I update the database.

Some people have already paid dues for 2007. This includes

- all members who joined since October 2006 (see above list)
- all Lifetime members (you know who you are)
- and all of the following members:
  - Jeanette Bean, Giovanna Deem, Jill Chambers, Susan Fetter,
  - Marilyn Fobian, Jack Isakoff, Parky Parkison, Barbara Tague, Jinnie Tom, Diana Vavrek.

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on December 14th, 2006 or mail it to

Diablo View Orchid Society    Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn    117 Laredo Ct    San Ramo    CA 94583-2116    membership@DVOS.org
Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

General Membership $15 (___)  Business $25 (___)  Life $300 (___)

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

New (___)  Renewal (___)  Date: _____________________

For General Membership:

Principal Member: ______________________________________________________

Spouse or Significant Other: ______________________________________________

For Business Membership:

Name of Business:______________________________________________________

Mailing Address (Must fill in)

Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________ State: ________ ZIP: __________

Home Phone: (___) ____-_______ Work or Cell Phone (Opt.): (___) ____-_______

E-Mail address: __________________________________________________________

Website: _______________________________

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS): Y/N (_____);  Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC): Y/N

Cultivation (Check all that applicable):

Indoor (___)  Outdoor (___)  Greenhouse (___)  Hobbyist (___)  Commercial (___)

What is your favorite genus to grow?  Phalaenopsis ( )  Cattleya ( )  Cymbidium( )  Dendrobium ( ) Vanda ( )

Masdevallia ( )  Paphiopedilum ( )  Phragmipedium ( )  Pleurothallids ( )  Zygopetalum ( )  List others:

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 participate in present or future: (Check all that is applicable)

Elected Officer/Board of Directors ( ) Committees:  Equipment ( )  Library ( )  BBQ/Auction ( )

Advertising ( )  Refreshments ( )  Newsletter ( )  Xmas Party ( )  San Francisco Show – POE ( )

Raffle/Sales ( )  Book Meeting Room ( )  Greenhouse Tours ( )  DVOS Show & Sale ( )  Welcome Hostess ( )  Assist when needed ( )

Endorse check payable to: Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.

Please send application and check to: Diablo View Orchid Society  c/o Ulrike Ahlborn

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