

Diablo View Orchid Society

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December 2008



NEXT MEETING

Thur Dec. 11

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
Concord map:
www.diabloviewos.org

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Eileen Jackson

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President:

Brian Wraxall

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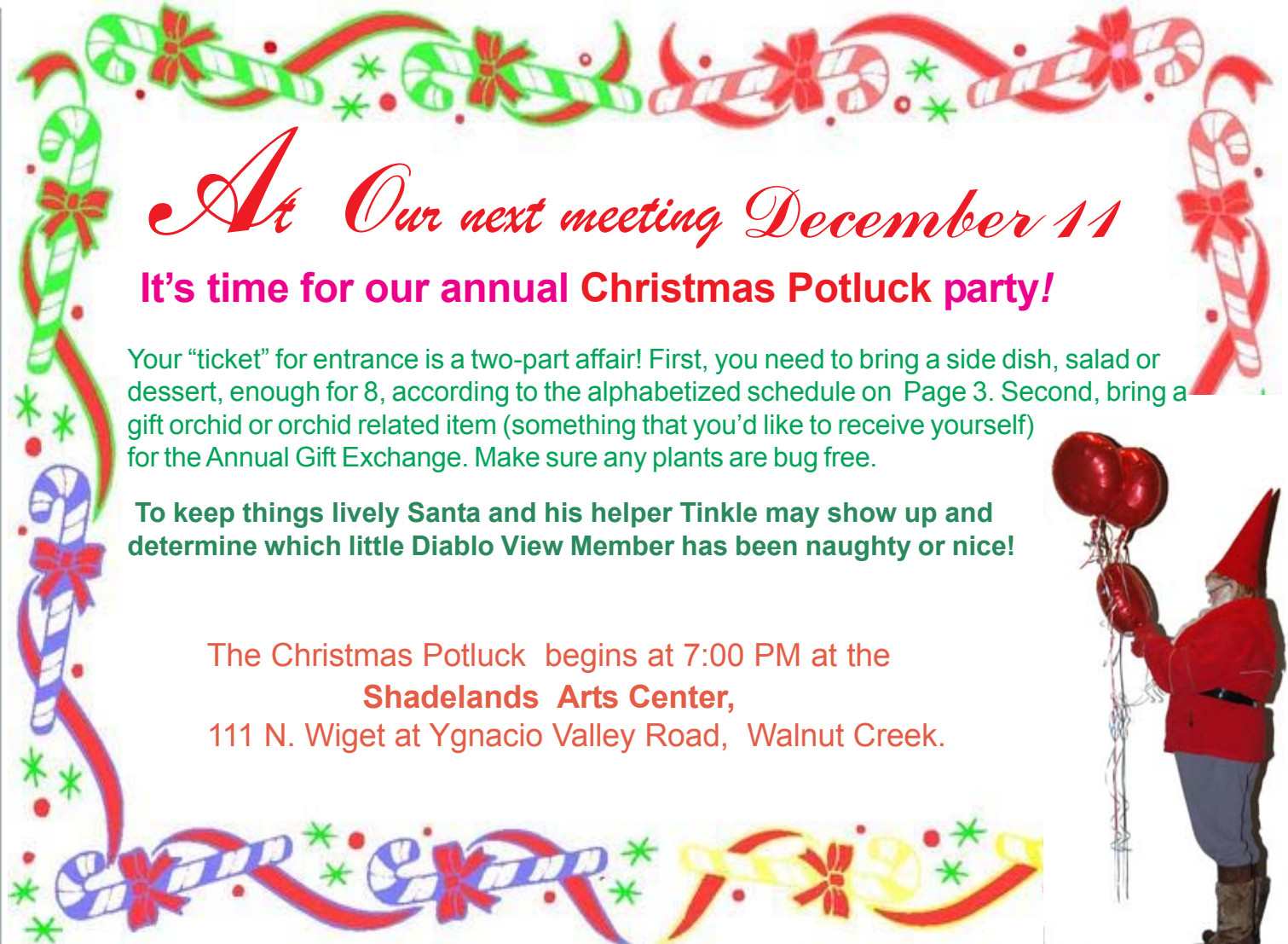
At Our next meeting December 11

It's time for our annual Christmas Potluck 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 alphabetized schedule on Page 3. Second, 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 Christmas Potluck begins at 7:00 PM at the
Shadelands Arts Center,
111 N. Wiget at Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.



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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.

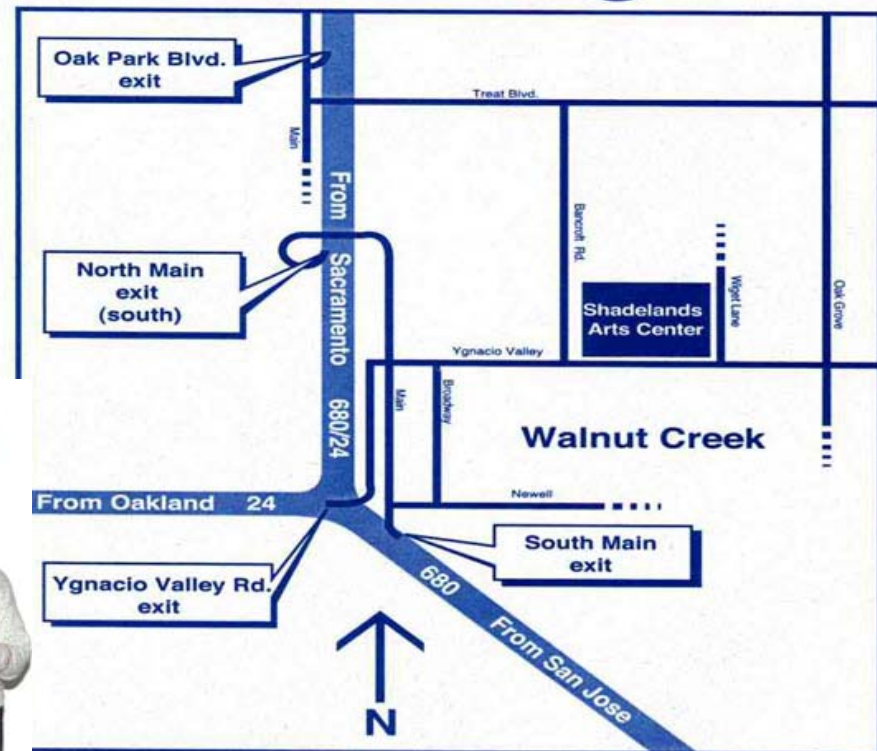
FROM SAN JOSE, DANVILLE, ALAMO, ETC.

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.



SHADELANDS CHRISTMAS PARTY Arts Center



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DVOS Board Members:

Ken Cook

Parky Parkison

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Alice Tomassini

Jamie Wasson

Newsletter:

Liz Charlton

Jamie Wasson

dvosnews@gmail.com

Webmaster:

Nick Doe

Ulrike Ahlborn

webmaster@dvos.org



Food assignments:

A-H salad,

I-O hot side dish

P-Z dessert (David Shaw can bring any thing he wants after last year's Buche de Noel.

Don't forget the \$50 prize for the best Xmas decorated orchid!!!

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Our speaker in November was Ron Parsons

Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

membership@dvos.org

Greenhouse Tours:

Joe Grillo

Refreshments:

Linda Castleton

Bernice Lindner

Madge Fordyce

Jennifer English

Greeters:

Sharon Duffy

Jill Chambers

Bernice Lindner

Raffles and Sales:

Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest

Representative:

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show

Chairwoman:

Kathy Barrett

Ron gave an interesting and informative talk on bulbophyllums. He showed slides of a wide variety of amazing flowers, including many not in cultivation.

Thanks, Ron.

Kathy Barrett sends an article from a group called 'The Citizen Scientist' about a fellow who discovered two new plant species. What is interesting isn't that the guy found these hiding in plain sight in a very well known/ travelled area called Lime Ridge in Walnut Creek, but his polite perseverance in getting the university botanists to listen to him and look at his discovery and ultimately get it

http://www.sas.org/tcs/weeklyIssues_2008/2008-07-04/feature1/index.html



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Awarded Plants in November

DVOS Commercial Members

Danville
Commercial Plant Services
David and Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Ct.
(925) 736-7630
atomassini@aol.com

Half Moon Bay
D & D Flowers
Dennis Olivas
62 Oceanside Dr.
(925) 696 -1246
dolivas@comcast.com
(By appointment only)

Livermore
Fordyce Orchids
Frank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

Pacifica
White Oak Orchids, Inc.
Sales and Boarding
1204 Linda Mar Blvd.
(650) 355 - 8767
www.whiteoakorchids.com

Pleasant Hill
Diablo Orchids
Huei-Mei Chen &
Gregory Mayfield
(925) 946-9740
www.diabloorchids.com

**1st *Neostylis* Lou Sneary
Sharon Duffy**

**2nd *Aerangis cryptodon*
Sharon Duffy**

**3rd *Cycnoches barthiorum*
Liz Charlton**



Aergs. Cryptodon



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
***Aerangis luteoalba* var.**
***rhodosticta* Sharon Duffy**

Beginner's Corner:
Phalaenopsis
Bryanna Shields

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Dec 7: Orchid Mania Winter Open House <http://www.orchid-mania.com>
- Dec 11: **Christmas Party**  Shadelands, Walnut Creek
- Jan 8: Good Plant - Bad Plant by Cathy and Dennis
- Jan 10-11: Orchids Under the Oaks <http://www.aldenlane.com/orchids.html>
- Jan 17-18: Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale www.penorchidsoc.org.
- Mar 5 - 8: POE Gala, Show & Sale <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchidfest.htm>
- Mar 20 - 22: Santa Barbara Show & Sale

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

Greenhouse for sale
\$4000.
For details and more
photos
contact Katherine at
kcnissen@comcast.net



Refreshments for the January Meeting

As is traditional, the Board will provide food and beverages for the January meeting.

The next Board Meeting

December 18th at 7:30 p.m. will be
at home of Brian and Joan Wraxall.



Alden Lane Nursery presents

Orchids Under the Oaks

Jan. 10th and 11th 10 am to 4 pm

Please join us for our 3rd Annual Orchid Show and Sale- a “free” vacation in the tropics as you stroll through our “Pathways through Paradise” display in our greenhouse featuring a wonderland of exotic orchids in our interactive exhibit. But wait! There’s more! Don’t miss the Orchid Marketplace- A tempting array offering thousands of orchids for sale by a variety of vendors from throughout California. Got questions? The orchid doctor has the answers and will be available during show hours. To quench your thirst for MORE orchid knowledge, we have 6 seminars scheduled with orchid experts (see our website for times and topics (www.aldenlane.com)). Alden Lane in partnership with the International Greenhouse Company is selling opportunity tickets to win a fabulous little greenhouse, with all proceeds benefiting Open Heart Kitchen, serving meals to those in need in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. Tickets for the greenhouse giveaway are on sale now until Jan. 11th at 4 pm. (\$1 per ticket or get 10 tickets for \$5.00 donation).

Indulge yourself and your senses as you experience the heavenly beauty and aromas of our little paradise created just for you- right in the heart of Winter. Forget your cares and come vacation with us at this free event. All venues are indoors- no sunscreen required!

DVOS participation is more than welcomed! If you have a little time that weekend to help out with plant hotel for a couple of hours, answer orchid questions, or just greet folks as they come thru the greenhouse, we would love to have you. I will be passing out a signup form at the Christmas Party, or you can call Sue Fordyce at 447-0280 (Alden Lane). We would also love to show off your orchids in bloom in the large greenhouse display. DVOS January meeting is the Thurs. before the show Jan.8, so bring your plants to the meeting and they will be transported to Alden Lane for you. We will also be accepting plants at the Nursery up to 8pm on Friday, Jan.9. Please make sure your plants are clean, bug free and labeled with your name and phone number. (Alden Lane, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore)

Alden Lane Nursery Presents
Orchids Under the Oaks 2009

Pathways
through
Paradise

Orchid Show & Sale
Jan. 10-11
10am-4pm

- Orchid Marketplace
- Free Orchid Seminars
- Repotting Demos
- Expert Orchid Advice
- Free Admission & Parking

Win this
Greenhouse
a \$900.00 Value

981 Alden Lane, Livermore
(925) 447-0280
www.aldenlane.com

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AOS Awards November 2008

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

11/04/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

No awards

11/05/08 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

Slc. Sierra Doll 'King's Canyon' HCC 75

Exhibited by Jim Morris

11/08/08 - Pacific Central - Orchid Society of California Show

Habenaria longidenticulata 'Hanging Garden', CBR (prov) species,

Exhibited by Hanging Garden/ Dan Newman

Masdevallia Karen Muir 'Giant', CCM 82 (Masd. Heathii x Masd. Angel Frost),

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Paphiopedilum Gloria Naugle 'Tamara', HCC 79 (Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. micranthum),

Exhibited by Dennis Olivas

11/17/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland

No awards

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center <http://www.csnjc.org>



Cyc. barthorium

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Membership News

DVOS has 105 members as of 11/23/2008.

Let's give a warm welcome - back to James Clements from Oakly who joined DVOS again at the November meeting.

In the past I have automatically prepared nametags for new members and took them to the monthly meeting. Many of them have never been picked up. From now on I will make nametags only upon request. So, if you have not yet received a nametag, please see me at the meeting or better yet, give me a call or send me an email message at least a couple of days before the meeting so I can prepare a nametag for you.

Membership dues for 2009 are due in January 2009!

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

Yearly dues are \$20 to cover the cost of club events, activities and meetings plus an additional \$10 if you want your newsletter mailed (rather than by email). The extra \$ 10 helps to pay for printing and postage).

General Membership - email recipients \$ 20, General Membership - mailed newsletter \$30,
Business \$25, out of State members - email recipients \$10.

Attached to the newsletter is the membership form. Please be so kind and fill out the form and return it to Ulrike Ahlborn. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. Also please indicate if you belong to AOS or Orchid Digest as we report this information to them with our club membership.

Some people have **already paid dues for 2009**. This includes

- all members who joined since October 2008
- all Lifetime members (you know who you are)
- and all of the following members:
Jill Chambers, Parky Parkison and Diana Vavrek



Neostylis Lou Sneary

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on December 11th, 2008 or mail it to:

Ulrike Ahlborn Diablo View Orchid Society * Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership Chair * 202 Gaucho Ct * San Ramon * CA 94583-2113

www.membership@DVOS.org

Sorry, we are not yet set up for PayPal and credit card.

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Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

Membership \$20 (), Business \$25 (), Life \$300 () Add \$10 () if you wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail.

(All memberships 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 by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

New () Renewal () Date: _____

For General Membership: Principal Member: _____

Spouse or Significant Other: _____

For Business Membership: Name of Business _____

Name of Business Contact:/Owner: _____

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 you 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 Director () Committees: Equipment () Library () BBQ/Auction () Advertising () Refreshments () Newsletter () Xmas Party () San Francisco Show () 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, 202 Gaucho Ct, San Ramon, CA 94583-2113**

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Ken Cook's Amazing Chocolate Chip Cookies

2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 large egg
3 cups (1 and 1/2 12oz pkgs) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1-1/4 cups toasted pecans

Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract in a large bowl until creamy. Add lightly beaten egg and mix well. Gradually mix in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans.

Refrigerate a minimum of 2 hours.



Aerangis luteoalba var. rhodosticta



Phalaenopsis

Preheat oven to 375 deg F.
Roughly shape dough into balls and cook 1 dozen at a time on a baking sheet. You decide the size of cookie that you prefer and size the dough balls accordingly.

Bake 9 to 14 minutes or until golden brown, time will vary with the size of cookie.

Cool on baking sheet 5 minutes, remove to wire racks to cool completely. Enjoy!