At our next meeting Dec 14th

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 4.

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.

The Christmas Potluck begins at 7:00 PM (Set-up 6:30)
at the Shadelands Arts Center,
111 N. Wiget at Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.
(directions on P. 5-6)
Kathy Barrett and Dennis Olivas were our speakers in November

The DVOS holiday lecture series for the month of November was presented by Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett. New members were treated to two of our most knowledgeable and entertaining speakers talking about the basics of growing orchids, otherwise known as Orchids 101.

Orchids originally evolved from lily’s and are found on all the continents of the world except Antarctica. The orchid plants are mostly epiphytes, meaning they don’t need soil to grow in. They have roots that are hard and can be touched without damaging the root hairs. This is because most orchid roots don’t have root hairs. Instead of root hairs, most orchid roots are covered with a white substance called velamen. Velamen serves two purposes for the orchid; it grabs on to surfaces to support the orchid; it absorbs water to hydrate the plant.
Water is very important to the successful growth of your orchid. When you water your orchid you need to water in the morning, not at night. Watering late in the day or at night does not allow the plant to dry off. An orchid that is cold and wet will rot or get a bacterial infection. If you do notice a part of your orchid that has some rot forming, you’ll want to cut it off then sprinkle the cut with cinnamon. Cinnamon is a natural anti-bacterial/fungal agent. When it comes time to fertilize your orchid, you’ll want to follow the rule of “weakly, weekly”. In other words, use a dilute solution of any fertilizer (1/4 teaspoon per gallon) once a week. This will prevent the fertilizer from burning the foliage and still provide plenty of nutrient for strong growth. As to which type of fertilizer to use, Dennis and Kathy both agree that it does not matter. Any balanced fertilizer will work. 12-12-12 or 20-20-20. All will provide the adequate nutrients for strong growth and blooms. Lastly, don’t over water your orchids. More are plants are lost from over-watering than under-watering.

Thank you Dennis and Kathy for kicking off our holiday lecture series. We look forward to seeing all our new members at the Christmas party December 14th and at the next regular meeting on January 12, 2012. - Brad Piini
Ken plants all of his Masdevallias and Draculas in Sphagnum moss. The plants love this media. 80% of his Masdevallia collection is planted in 3 inch clay pots with two styrofoam peanuts in the bottom and the rest sphagnum moss. The sphagnum moss will require repotting every year to keep the media fresh.

Masdevallias and Draculas are not heavy feeders. Ken uses 1 tsp. Dynagrow growth formula mixed with 1 tsp. Maxima for the micronutrients along with 2 drops of Super Thrive diluted in 2 gallons of water. Once a week he will foliar feed his orchids (sprays the fertilizer on the leaves only). If it is very hot or very cold, Ken suspends the feeding for another week.

Ken then listed some suppliers of Masdevallias and Draculas that he has used.

For plants: Hawk Hill in Pacifica, Coloma Co. in Pacifica, JLOrchids in Connecticut, and Hill Gardens in Oregon. For supplies he uses Kelly’s Corner in Maine and Orcheata owned by Tom Perlite.

Ken concluded his lecture with slides of his home growing conditions. Ken’s orchids extend from his front porch to the backyard and into the greenhouse. He showed numerous ways to increase the amount of orchids you can put into a limited amount of space. Using bars, poles, chains, and shelves, Ken is able to squeeze more orchids into every available space. Only a Black Hole in outer space is packed more densely than Ken’s orchid collection. The night was full of good ideas, which I’m sure Ken will be happy to share with you. Thanks again Ken for sharing some of your secrets of success.
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Shadelines Arts Center

111 North Wiget Lane at Ygnacio Valley Rd. Walnut Creek

Dec. 2011
Directions to SHADELANDS Arts Center
111 North Wiget Lane at Ygnacio Valley Rd.

FROM OAKLAND, BERKELEY
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
Highway 680 south to Exit 48 Treat Blvd/Geary Rd. Take exit and continue 0.3 mi. to the light. Turn left on N. Main and go 0.2 mi. to Geary Rd and turn left. Go for 1.1 mi. on Geary Rd/ Treat Blvd 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
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.
I am in the process of shifting my business from ceramics to orchids and am closing out all pottery stock on hand. I am discounting all stock 30% off of the marked prices. This is for both first and second quality work. Since seconds are already discounted 50%, they are now 65% off of the regular price. If you can't make it that day, don't worry, the pottery will be open on Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm and by appointment at other times through December 17th and possibly longer. If you want to make an appointment or have any questions, you can contact me.

Contact: Marni Turkel 707-328-5973        Stony Point Ceramic Design 2080 Llano Road Suite 1B Santa Rosa, www.marniturkel.com
We start 2012 with 139 members

**2012 Dues are now due**
- General Members: $20
- Commercial Members: $25
- Lifetime Members: $300

If you are unable to receive the newsletter by email and need a B&W copy mailed to you, there is an additional $10 charge for copying and postage.

New Member/ Renewal application:
[www.dvos.org/About/membership.htm](http://www.dvos.org/About/membership.htm)

If you joined at our Show in November you do not owe for 2012
Upcoming Speakers and Events

Winners of the Show and Tell plants: 2011

Advanced: Ken Cook with 26 pts
Intermediate: Renate Johnson with 12 pts
The runner up is Brian Wraxall with 11 pts
plus 1 pt for Lancer Smith

Novice: Miki Ichiyanagi with 11 pts

Dec 10-11: Bud Seagraves Sale (see P.11)
Dec.14: DVOS Christmas Party
Note: this is a Wednesday
Jan 12: DVOS meeting: Steve Beckendorf
Jan 16: The next board meeting will be held at the home of Brian and Joan Wraxall

Refreshments for the January Meeting will be provided by the Board

Jan. 28-29: Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale (see P. 13)

Ble: Chance the Chance
Awards DVOS Sept.

Novice
1st  Pot. Mem. Mario Lanza #3 x
     Blc. Murray Spencer  Miki Ichiyanagi
2nd  C. intermedia v. amethystina x  Blc. Morning Glory ‘Mary Putnam’
     Judith Johnson
3rd  Brassia hybrid        Marcia Hart

Intermediate
1st  Blc. Chance the Chance  Tom Pickford
2nd  C. Olivetensis        Tom Pickford

Advanced
1st  Aerangis biloba        Sue Davis
2nd  Masd. macura           George McRae
3rd  Paph. (primulinum x Golden Liz)  Cheryl Phillipson

Lancer Smith (species/under 6”)
C. (syn. Sophronitis) coccinea  Ted McClellan

Paph. primulinum x Golden Liz
Many years ago DVOS had a Society pin. The DVOS Board has decided to issue a new pin to honor Frank Fordyce. The pin features a Bulb. medusae.

Bud Segraves’ Orchid Sale

After Bud Segraves, a long time member and past president of many orchid societies in Northern California, a good friend of us, passed away; Bud’s family decide to sell his orchids which is one of the best orchid collection in the Bay Area. There are Species & Hybrids, large Flowers of Cattleyas, Laelias, specially Laelia Pupuratas, Vandas, Phalaenopsis, others… and many in spikes Cymbidiums, Zygos, Australian Dendrobiums (outdoors growing) will be available.

Please save the weekend of December 10th & 11th to visit Bud’s green house to buy some orchid gifts for friends and yourself.

Bud’s greenhouse Address:
115 Lu Ray Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

C. intermedia v. amethystina x Bl. Morning Glory ‘Mary Putnam’

Pot. Mem. Mario Lanza #3 x Blc. Murray Spencer

Diablo View Orchid Society
AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

WE WILL VOTE ON THE

BOARD MEMBER SLATE FOR 2012

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C. (Sophronitis) coccinea

Masd. macura
Peninsula Orchid Society
Show and Sale
Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City - 10 AM to 5 PM both days - orchid show, presentations and demonstrations, member sales area, and vendor sales area. Adult admission only $5. Seniors, disabled, and children 12-16 admitted for $3. Parking is free.

$50 goes to the best decorated Christmas Orchid at our Christmas Party

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Aerangis biloba ‘Missy’s Angel’, CCE 91 species, exhibited by Sue Davis

Stanhopea connata ‘Joan’, HCC 75 species, exhibited by Howard Gunn
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