At Our Next Meeting December 13

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 below. 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. Bring your own plates and cutlery.

The Christmas Potluck is at 6:00 PM at the Shadelands Arts Center, 111 N. Wiget at Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

Food assignments:
A-H hot side dish, I-O dessert and P-Z salad.

DON’T FORGET THE $50 PRIZE FOR THE BEST XMAS DECORATED ORCHID!!!
Our November DVOS speaker was Bob Hamilton

Bob showed us photos of his glasshouse in Berkeley and the commercial size greenhouse in Pacifica that he shares with other growers. Odontoglossums are his passion. Bob went on to outline the history of Odont hybrids and then gave an fascinating overview of orchid culture and propagation during the Victorian ‘Orchid Craze’ (1870 - 1910). From there we moved to 1922 and the invention of “flasking”.

There are two types of flasking, the “dry seed” method and the “green pod” method. Bob commented that flasking is "incredibly boring work."

(There was one slide showing rows and rows of huge round flasking glass domes that brought to mind the movie “The Body Snatchers.”)

In 1960 meristem culture began. Bob showed us slides of Matsui Nursery in Salinas, the world leader in potted orchids with production under 2.5 million sq. ft. of greenhouses. After his presentation, Bob demonstrated how to transfer seedlings from a flask to a community pot. He propagates his seedlings in Mason jars, for which he has had 12,000 lids specially made. He removed the seedlings, then shook them gently to get the agar off. He separated each seedling and placed it in a V furrow, adding bark down the middle. He continued laying plants into each side. He recommended watering them lightly, then leaving them indoors for 24 hours. Following that they can go in the greenhouse. Thereafter, they can be fed and watered as other plants.

-Alice Tomassini

Now all you have to do is wait 3-5 years for your seedlings to bloom!
DVOS Club Business

Noble Emery has generously offered to provide the Club with a new perpetual trophy, to be known as the Founders’ Trophy. It will have engraved on it the names of all the founding members. This annual award will be for the Best in Show at our annual show and sale. The Board of Directors as accepted his offer. Thanks Noble!

Another award, to be named for Dick Emory will be given to the member who accumulates the most points in the category of Look what I Bloomed for the First Time.

The Board made a change in the monthly awards rules. Beginning in January, plants entered in the categories of Look what I Bloomed for the First Time, and Lancer Smith, will be eligible for general awards (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.) If a plant is awarded a general ribbon, it will not be considered for Lancer Smith or Look ...

If you do not want your awarded ribbons, and they are still in good shape, the Club will gratefully accept them back, to be recycled as future awards.

Cathy’s Culture Corner

See the amazing video of an orchid self-pollinating

http://www.natureasia.com/ch/Shenzhen_spotlight/video.php

Cym. kanran
Awarded Plants in November

1st *Blc. Williette Wong ‘The Best’ AM/AOS*  
Linda Castleton

2nd *Cym. kanran*  
Barbara Tague

3rd *Cycnoches barthiorum*  
Jennifer English

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

*Blc. King of Taiwan*  
Phyllis Arthur

Lancer Smith:

*Haraella Odorata*  
Brian Wraxall
The nomination committee would like to submit the following 2008 slate of Officers and Board Members to the membership of the Diablo View Orchid Society. The Committee Chairs are volunteers and will assume their duties automatically for the fiscal year 2008.

**Officers:**
- President: Eileen Jackson
- Immediate Past President: Brian Wraxal
- Vice-President: Liz Charlton
- Secretary: Diana Vavrek
- Treasurer: Barbara Tague

**Board Members:**
- Ken Cook
- Brad Piini
- Dave Tomassini
- Jamie Wasson
- Alice Tomassini

**Committees:**
- ODC Representative:
- AOS Representative:
- Equipment: Dave Tomassini
- Greenhouse Tours Chair: Joe Grillo
- Library Chair: Phyllis Arthur
- Membership Chair: Ulrike Ahlborn
- Newsletter Editors: Liz Charlton & Jamie Wasson
- Web Master: Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlborn
- Raffle & Sales Chair: Rita Tischler
- Refreshment Chair:
- DVOS Show Chair: Kathy Barrett
- SFOS Show Display Chair: Brad Piini
Upcoming Speakers and Events

Dec 13: Christmas Party!
Jan 10: “Bad Plants” Kathy Barrett and Dennis Olivas
Jan 12-13: “Orchids Under the Oaks” Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore
          10 am - 4 pm, directions at http://www.aldenlane.com/orchids.html
          You may drop off your blooming plants at the Jan meeting.
          These will go in the orchid display.
Feb 2-3: Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale 10 am -5pm, Santa Rosa
          www.sonomaoorchid.society.com
Feb 8: “Orchid Culture” by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids
Feb 28 - Mar 2: POE “Orchids Gone Wild” Fort Mason Pavillion, San Francisco
          www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html
Feb 29 - Mar 2: Santa Barbara Orchid Show Fri 2/29 - 3/2
          Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Bld., Santa Barbara
          www.sborchidshow.com

The next Board Meeting

December 20th:
The next Board Meeting will be at Liz & Jamie’s home at 7:30 pm. All old
and new board members should plan to attend.

Haraella odorata

Blc. King of Taiwan

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

November 2007

AOS Awards November 2007

11/6/07 - Pac Central - San Francisco no awards
Paphiopedilum charlesworthii 'Big Time', AM 82 species, Exhibited by The Orchid Zone
Paphiopedilum sukhakulii var. alba 'Holy Moley', HCC 77 species, Exhibited by The Orchid Zone
Paphiopedilum Unnamed Hybrid 'Gorgeous', HCC 75 (prov) (Paph. Autumn Sun x Paph. Elfstone), Exhibited by Kenneth Usuki
Wilsonara Sheila Anne 'Jake', AM 80 (Odcdm. Tiger Crow x Oda. Wearside Pattern), Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

11/7/07 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento
Laelia lucasiana 'Soft Touch', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Japheth Ko
Paphiopedilum Hsinying Leopard 'Monster', HCC 76 (Paph. Macabre x Paph. Ruby Peacock), Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
Paphiopedilum vietnamense 'Candace's Mojo', AM 81 species, Exhibited by Candace Landerman

11/10/2007 - Orchid Society of California Show - Oakland
Masdevallia unnamed hybrid 'Winston', AM 80 (prov) (Masd. Genie x Masd. Urubamba), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

11/19/07 - Pacific Central - 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

-Kathy Barrett

2007 DVOS Sum of Points 2007

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DVOS has 111 members as of 11/14/2007.

Let’s give a warm welcome to George Cooper from Lafayette who joined DVOS in November

Guests at the November meeting were: Robin Carreira, Barbara North and Sylvia Rose.

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 2008 are due in January 2008!

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

The Board decided to increase the yearly dues to $20 to cover the cost of club events, activities and meetings. We must also begin charging an additional $10 to mail the newsletter. (Printing and postage actually cost us $20 a year per person.)

General Membership is $20, Business $25, out of State members (email recipients) $10.
If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail add $10.

Attached to the newsletter is the membership form. Please be so kind and fill out the form for me. 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 2008. This includes all members who joined since October 2007
all Lifetime members (you know who you are)
and all of the following members:

Brenda Aday, Jerry & Marilyn Burke, Sue Fordyce, Eileen Jackson, Ted & Nancy McClellan, George & Fumiye Ninomiya, Barbara & Dean Tague, Rita Tischler, Jinnie & Denyu Tom, Alice & Dave Tomassini, Diana Vavrek, Liz Charlton & Jamie Wassom

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on December 13th, 2007 or mail it to:

Diablo View Orchid Society * Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership Chair * 117 Laredo Ct * San Ramon * CA 94583-2116

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

www.membership@DVOS.org
Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

General Membership $20 (___) Member/newsletter $30 (_) 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 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 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 117 Laredo Court, San Ramon, CA 94583-2116 Membership@DVOS.org