Howard Gunn, known as one of the best hobbyist growers within the orchid world, has been growing orchids since 1965. He has 2 greenhouses, a 24’ x 28’ intermediate temperature and a 9’ x 20’ warm temperature. He grows 1900 orchids; about 500 are paphiopedilums and phragmipediums, 365 are bulbophyllums and the rest are miscellaneous species. There are about 1500 different species of orchids in his collection. His slides are all of the plants he once had or currently does have in his collection, all photographed by Howard. His presentations to orchid societies have been 10 years strong, doing about 6 to 8 a year. This helps in moving the extra divisions along as he keeps on potting and dividing his collection. The subjects on his programs range from Miniature Species, Growing Specimen Plants, Paphiopedilums, Phragmopediums, Dendrobiums, Leafless and Other Wierd Orchids, Bulbophyllums, to the Stanhopea Tribe.

Howard and Joan spent a month in Australia a couple of years ago as the guest of David Banks, editor of the Australian Orchid Review. He presented 4 programs to the different Orchid Societies in Australia. He also went on 14 bushwalks, looking at orchids in the wild. He did the same on two trips to Mexico and one trip to Ecuador. Howard was granted 28 AOS Awards: 6 CCMs, 2 CBRs, 3 CHMs, 4 AMs and the rest are HCCs.

Raffle Table will be provided by Howard Gunn.

Dinner with the Speaker at Red Robin at the Sunvalley Mall at 5:30PM.

Next board Meeting 2/24 at Barbara Tague’s house, 751 Skyline Dr. Martinez, Ca 229-0512
January AOS Judging Results
San Francisco
Oncidium macranthum var. nanum 'Memoria Henry Ho Hur' species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai HCC 76

Oakland
Dendrobium suzukii ‘Belmont Highlands’ species, Exibited by Walter M. Shinn CBR(Prov)
Panarica (Epi.) brassavolae 'TJ' species, Exhibited by Gary Jones, HCC 78.
Pecteilis susannae 'Lafayette' species, Exhibited by Michael Gallagher, CHM (Prov)
Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central Judging Center's webpage http://www.aospacificcentral.org

Refreshments Signups for February
Brian McDonald, Bernice Lindner, Pam Wood, Renate Johnson, Noble Emory, Dave Shaw, Giovanna Deem, Shirley Kerr

Beverages:
Eileen Jackson, Renee Dowdell

Editors Note
Hi everyone. I have returned from my temporary absence as your editor. A few of you know I just happened to be in Thailand on December 26, but fortunately I was in Bangkok and not Phuket. For a quick geography lesson, I was about 500 miles from the tsunami. Despite that, the air of tension was in Bangkok, and New Year festivities were relatively quiet.
I was able to visit the Nong Nooch Garden just outside Pattaya, a beautiful beach side town on the Sea of Thailand. They had orchids growing outside where I struggle to get them to bloom inside. I highly recommend a visit to the land of Many Smiles.
(Editors prerogative. He can put a picture of his fiancé sniffing a very fragrant Cat.) Editor

JanuaryMonthly Meeting
Plant Display Award Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  Slc. Tutankamen 'Pop'
   Joe Grillo

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Blc. Knee Baby
   Phyllis Arthur

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Blc. George King 'Memoria Jim Nivens'
   Noble Emory

Lance Smith Medallion: Sophronitis rosea
   Dick Emory

Look What I Bloomed For the Very First Time:
Arangis rodostricta
Brian Wrexall

January First Place
**Membership News**

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**San Francisco Orchid Show**

“Pacific Orchid Exposition”

- For all Members -

Please plan to bring your blooming orchids to any of the following locations listed below to have them displayed in the DVOS exhibit. The need to be cleaned, staked (no metal), insect-free and if possible, labeled with the plant type & name.

Those plants with names will be entered for judging. Do not bring them in baskets of decorative pots – or they may get lost.

Also, be sure to put your name taped to the bottom of the pot.

**Drop-off Locations & Dates**

General Meeting at the Water District - **February 10th**

If you’re bringing plants for Show & Tell, leave them after the meeting. David Tomassini will keep them at his warehouse and transport them to the S.F. Show.

**Tomassini Warehouse** – 3 Woodside Ct. – Danville

- **Saturday, February 12th** (between 10:00 am – 5:00 pm).

The Show Committee will be working on the display most of that day. You can drop off plants all day. Cell # 872-4099.

(warehouse is located behind the house)

**Forst Mason** – San Francisco – Set up day. **Wednesday, February 16th**. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Plants need to be at our display **no later than 4:00 pm**.

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*San Francisco Orchid Show* is having a big close out sale on February 26-27, 2005 and March 5-6, 2005. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The greenhouse is located in Half Moon Bay, 1/3 mile east of Main Street. Just east of Spanish Village on Hwy 92 is a house and wood pile yard. Turn onto the street between the house and wood pile yard and go over the bridge. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you have any questions about the directions, please call Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246.

Please bring your own boxes. Really good deals….Price to sell. Will take cash or checks but not credit cards.
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.)

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:  _____________________________________
Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? Y/N (____)
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
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San Ramon, CA 94583-2116
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| David & Gitty Altman          | If you do not find your name on the list or 2005 on the address label, please fill out the attached form and send it to me with a check made out to DVOS or bring it to the next general meeting in February. If I have not received your dues for 2005 by the end of February you will not be in the 2005 roster. |
| Phyllis Arthur               | To our guests who attended our general meeting in January 2025: please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participation in the club’s benefits, send in your application and dues or give them to any DVOS officer at the next general meeting. |
| Dan Chiappone & Nancy Pak    | Diablo View Orchid Society |
| Frank Drake                  | Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn       |
| Sharon Duffy                 | 117 Laredo Court           |
| Susan Fetter                 | San Ramon, CA 94583-2116   |
| Roy Florey                   | [Membership@DVOS.org]      |
| Jose Angulo Garcia           |                               |
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Orchid Greenhouses

Fire Sale

D & D Flowers (aka Dennis and David)
Highland Tropicals (collection of Bartley Schwarz)

Every award-quality plant, species, and division must go!

February 26 & 27 and March 5 & 6
from 9 am to 4 pm in Half Moon Bay

Plants, People, Food, Music, and Fun

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