At Our Next Meeting February 8th
Baaad Plants. Bad Plants. Whatcha Gonna Do?

Whatcha gonna do when they happen to you? Fresh from having paid her debt to Society, Ice-KB ("ex"- leader of that annoying Thrips gang) rejoins Ja-Rule Olivas (infamous leader of the Bud Blasts) to discuss “Why Oh Why Can’t I?” Grow orchids, that is.

Whatcha need to do:

Bring us your bad plants. Your tired, your weak, your orchids yearning to breathe free... oops - wrong speech. [ahem.] Bring in the orchids you’ve been having trouble with and we’ll discuss ways to improve their culture. Not some theoretical orchid growing in conditions from some far away land (like Florida). YOUR orchid, YOUR conditions. C’Mon! Even Dave Tomassini has a bad plant or two, so don’t be shy! After all, how can we help you if we can’t see what you’re doing?

Ribbons will be given to those with the worst plants (ie the opposite of the way we usually hand out ribbons.) And there’ll be a drawing for prizes (but with a catch!)

Any plants with bugs or diseases PLEASE bring them in a plastic bag so as not to contaminate other plants.

The speakers dinner on February 8th will be at Todai Restaurant on the freeway side of Penny’s in the Sun Valley Mall, Concord. We will meet there at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in dining with Dennis and Kathy, please join us. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or at eileen.jackson@att.net if you will be joining us for dinner.

The next DVOS Board meeting will be Alice and Dave Tomassini’s house on February 15th at 7:30pm.
Diablo View Orchid Society

Awarded Plants in January

1st Rossioglossum Rawdon ‘Jester’
Joe Grillo

3rd Sophronitis coccinea
Barbara Tague

2nd Phragmipedium bessiae
Bernice Lindner

Lancer Smith: Epigeneium nakaharai
Bernice Lindner

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:
Cymbidium Enzan Forest ‘Majolica’
Jinnie Tom

Refreshments for the February Meeting

Thanks to all those who volunteered to bring refreshments. If you are unable to attend, please contact Brenda Aday.

FOOD: Ken Dowdell, Sharon Duffy, Diane Eccokey, Noble Emory, Renate Johnson, Mary Kelly, Elizabeth Marquez and Dave Shaw

BEVERAGES: Eileen Jackson, Bernice Lindner and Renee Dowdell
January Speaker Review

January has come and gone and the one thing that we all know is that it was cold. I can’t wait to see my PG&E bill. What happened to this global warming?

Nick Burnett spoke on the topic of “At Least Seven Ways To Kill An Orchid”

at our January meeting. Nick is a very entertaining speaker who has killed his fair share of orchids.

For those of you not present at the meeting, I’ll give you a visual. Every other slide was of a pot with a dead orchid; all of them different and yet all appearing the same. It could have been the same slide just stuck in the slide projector.

Let’s summarize:

1. One of the best ways to kill orchids is to mistake water for love. Explanation - overwatering probably kills more orchids than any other single cause.

2. Believe everything anyone tells you. Example- Home Depot will tell you that the orchid you just purchased will rebloom in 6 months.

3. Remain ignorant of your plants growing cycles. Example - many of your orchids don’t like to be watered in the winter.

4. Refuse to understand your growing conditions. Example - It’s hard to raise cool growing Masdevallias in the Sacramento heat.

5. Allow your plants to grow on autopilot. Example - you need to look for snails and mealybugs before they infest your entire collection.

6. Tolerate all creatures great and small. Example - ants, rats, and aphids need to be eliminated from your collection

7. Buy the most expensive plant you can find. Explanation - The plant is expensive for a reason. It means it is hard to grow commercially, which means it’s hard to grow personally as well.

Thanks again Nick. Very entertaining. - Brad Piini
The Orchid Show, jointly sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and DVOS, was a notable success. Sue Fordyce of Alden Lane and DVOS was the irresistible force that brought together the vendors, DVOS members, Alden staff, and an impressive slice of the Bay Area public to make the Orchid Show a vital and exciting event. There were lectures and demonstrations for both novice and advanced growers and there was good advice available for budding enthusiasts (heh, heh) from DVOS members working the show. The vendors (including DVOS) had high quality plants and many rarities. It was a show well worth attending.
San Francisco Orchid Show
Pacific Orchid Exposition
Attention All Members

Please plan to bring your blooming orchids to put in the DVOS display to the general meeting on February 8th. If you can leave them after the meeting, David Tomassini will keep them at his warehouse and transport them to the S.F. Show.

Please be sure to tape your name to the bottom of the grow pot. Do not bring them in baskets or decorative pots – or they may get lost.

Please be sure your plants are staked (no metal), insect-free and clean.

Plants labeled with the plant type and name will be entered for judging.

If you cannot bring your plant(s) to the general meeting, the following are

**Alternative Drop off Location and Dates:**

**Tomassini's Warehouse: 3 Woodside Ct. – Danville – on Sat., Feb. 10th**

The show committee will be working on the display most of the day. You can drop off plants between 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Warehouse is located left of the house, behind garage. On Saturday, number to call is 872-4099. If you want to bring your plants to the Tomassinis between Friday, Feb.8th through Tuesday, Feb. 13th – call 648-7667 to arrange for day and time to drop off.

**Fort Mason Center** – San Francisco – Set up day – **Wednesday, February 14th**.

Doors open at 12:00 noon. Plants need to be at our display **no later than 4:00pm**
AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco  1/03/2007
Bulbophyllum elisae ‘Cozette’ CBR (prov) species, Exhibited by Kreg Martin

AOS Awards - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento  1/03/2007
Bulbophyllum makoyanum ‘Oscar’s Gift’ HCC 78 species, Exhibited by Barbara Pierrou
Laelia anceps ‘Mary Ann’ AM 87 species, Exhibited by David Sorokowsky
Laelia anceps v. veitchiana ‘Tamara’ AM 85 species, Exhibited by Dennis Olivas
Paph. fairrieanum var. album ‘Chablis’ HCC 78 species Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland  1/15/2007
Blc. Dal's Grace ‘Winston’ HCC 77 (C. Horace x Blc. George King), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
Paphiopedilum liemianum ‘Green Cyclops’ HCC 77 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
Slc. Circle of Life ‘Red Halo’ HCC 77 (Lc Culminant x Soph. coccinea), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Photos can be seen at:
Pacific Central Judging Center: http://www.aospacificcentral.org
California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: http://www.csnjc.org

- Kathy Barrett
Upcoming Speakers and Events

February 15-18: Pacific Orchid Exhibition
March 8: Ron Parsons: Finding Native Orchid Species in California
April 7: Orchid Walk on Mt Tamalpais with Ron Parsons
   This special event for members and friends will cost $20 per person. Call Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 to reserve.
April 28: Potting Party from 10 am to 2 pm. Mark your calendars!

The next Board Meeting
February 22nd, 7:30 pm at Alice and Dave Tomassini’s house.

Membership Matters (Yes, It Does!)

If you haven’t renewed your membership, it’s time! Download the membership form from the website or pick-up a copy at the February meeting. Please fill it out completely (even if you think we have the information) and return it to Ulrike Ahlborn, 117 Laredo Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583-2116 with your check.
In Memory Of

Nathalie A. Smith

June 20, 1927 ~ January 18, 2007

Nathalie (Nat) was born to Russian immigrants. She spent her youth in Marin and San Francisco Counties. In 1997, Nat and her husband, Lancer, celebrated 50 years of marriage. She had served the community for more than 25 years as a school bus driver. She discovered she had a very large green thumb and when her energy shifted from growing chrysanthemums to orchids, the greenhouses were built.

Nat and Lancer with other friends were co-founders of Diablo View Orchid Society. Although Nat became widowed in 1998, she remained an active member of DVOS until 2006 when health problems intervened. After receiving an award for one of Frank Fordyce's hybrid orchids, Slc. Circle Spirit, Kathy Barrett (past Vice Pres. of DVOS) named the orchid in Nathalie's honor as "probably the one person who has singlehandedly helped out more orchid newbies than anyone else in Contra Costa County".

Before her passing, Nat decided to donate her surviving orchids and many orchid books and supplies to our society.
Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members:

Sharyn & Dennis Galloway from Concord
Alice & Hale Tolleth from Pleasant Hill
and past members George AnnaTow & Roman Kandzion from San Ramon who joined again.

The guests at the January meeting were: Kobi Abdi, Huei-Mei Chen & Geoffrey Mayfield, Joyce Mason, Estela Renfro and Mimi Tsang.

Membership dues for 2007 are due!

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 or cash will be handed to the treasurer immediately after I update the database.

I hope all of the 108 members will join DVOS again in 2007. So far we have 52 regular members and 11 Lifetime members.

If you receive the newsletter by mail and you see 2007 on the address label you have paid dues for 2007 already.

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on February 8th, 2007 or mail it to

Diablo View Orchid Society
Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn
117 Laredo Ct
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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