Diablo View Orchid Society


January 2008

At Our Next Meeting
Bad Plants
by Kathy Barrett and Denis Olivas

Pfwappppp!

In a shower of bark the orchid plant explodes against the greenhouse wall.

"Why won't you grow??" howls its owner. Eyes ablaze, hair standing on end he turns to the rest of his collection, grabbing the first orchid he sees. Furiously he squeezes the pot until it bursts in his hand. Flinging his arms heavenward he cries "What oh WHAT do I have to do to GET YOU TO GROW!!!!?????" he breaks down sobbing on the greenhouse floor.

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There will be no speaker's dinner this month.
Bad Plants, Bad Plants. Whatcha Gonna Do?

Whatcha gonna do when they happen to you?

Gentle Reader. There’s no need to howl to the gods! You won't find the answers in a pigeon's entrails or by sacrificing a goat. Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett answer any questions you have about growing orchids. Feeding, potting, proper light & temperatures, difficult or exotic species... you name it. And the best thing is that they'll answer them about YOUR OWN PLANTS! This is your chance! Each year we encourage members to bring in any orchids they are having trouble with. Bring us your tired, your weak, your smothered roots yearning to breathe free! You'll be surprised how we can help you become better growers if you just show us your plants. Don't be shy! Did I mention there'll be prizes, too? We may even tell you where to cut the Phal spike. So put down the knife and leave the goat alone.

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

Raffle Table provided by D & D Flowers (Dennis Olivas)
Our annual Christmas Party 2007

Linda Castleton and her winning creation “Santa’s Orchid Tree”

Thanks to Brian Wraxall for his service as President

Barbara Tague winner of the Fordyce Perpetual Trophy for accumulating the most points during 2007. Behind her is her Rodriguezia decora.
Membership:
  Ulrike Ahlborn
  membership@dvos.org

Greenhouse Tours:
  Joe Grillo

Refreshments:
  Linda Castleton
  Bernice Lindner
  Madge Fordyce

Greeters:
  Sharon Duffy
  Jill Chambers
  Bernice Lindner

Raffles and Sales:
  Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:
  Dave Tomassini

Librarian:
  Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:
  Jill Chambers

Orchid Digest Representative:
  Barbara Tague

SFOS Show Chairman:
  Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairwoman:
  Kathy Barrett

3rd Place Ken Cook

2nd Place Jude Parsells
Membership News

We are now accepting 2008 dues! Send in your checks. Support your Society.

For information about membership in the Diablo View Orchid Society contact Ulrike Ahlborn, Membership Chair, 117 Laredo Ct. San Ramon, CA 94583-2116
www.membership@DVOS.org

AOS Awards December 2007

12/4/07 - Pacific Central - San Francisco
Laelia anceps var. lineata 'Clown', AM 86
species Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Lycaste macrophylla ssp xanthocheila* '??', HCC 75 (I don't know the clonal name yet, sorry!)
species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai
* Henry Oakley raised this to species level, Lyc. xanthocheila, in Orchid Digest vol 71, no 4, pg 208.

12/5/07 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento
Platystele repens 'Joan', CCE 91
species, Exhibited by Howard Gunn

12/17/07 - Pacific Central - Oakland
Pterostylis nutans 'Baukham Hills' HCC 77 and CCM 81
species, Exhibited by Anna Chai

Pictures can be seen at
http://www.aospacificcentral.org
http://www.csnjc.org

-Kathy Barrett
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Upcoming Speakers and Events

Jan. 5th-6th: Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Redwood City www.penorchidsoc.org
Jan 10: “Bad Plants” Kathy Barrett and Denis Olivas
You may drop off your blooming plants at the Jan meeting. These will go in the orchid display.

Jan 26-27: Santa Cruz Orchid Show & Sale Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4
2008 at Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd. Soquel CA 95076
general info call Soquel High FFA at 831 429-3612 or to exhibit call SCOS at 831 818-9933
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
See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact Phyllis Arthur

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

The next Board Meeting
January 17th:
The next Board Meeting will be at Brad’s home at 7:30 pm.

Our condolences
to Dick Emory, whose wife Jean passed away Dec. 24th of cancer of the pancreas. No service is scheduled. There will be a celebration of her life next month at their house.