

Diablo View Orchid Society

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January 2011

at Our next meeting Thursday, January 13th The Challenges and Satisfactions of Growing Orchid Specimen Plants

presented by Cindy Hill

We've all had the experience of seeing a spectacularly flowered plant on a show table or in a display that makes us say WOW! And we perhaps wondered what kind of magic potion it took to get our own plants to put on such a show. While it does take some care and some time, growing specimen plants can be a rewarding part of our hobby for any level of grower. This month's presentation will cover what actually makes an orchid a specimen plant – what the definition is, and what traits specimen orchids have. We'll take a look at the (many!) reasons to cultivate a specimen plant in your collection, and how to go about evaluating and selecting plants that you will succeed with, including their growth and bloom habits. Then we'll focus on the cultural aspects of growing healthy, floriferous plants so you can get started growing your own specimen orchid, including repotting, how to get flowers growing in all directions, and tips for encouraging new growth. We'll review which genera are good candidates for specimens (and which to avoid!). We'll learn about cultural awards available from the American Orchid Society, and what judges look for. Finally we'll talk about the fun things you can do with that specimen plant, and resources for learning more. (cont. p. 7)

Next Meeting:
Thur. Jan. 13th
7:30- 10:00 p.m.

Contra Costa Waster District
Building Board Room
1331 Concord Blvd.
Concord Ca.

Map:

www.dvos.org/About/map.htm

Speaker's Dinner will be at 5:30 at Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln. Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting.

Plant table will be provided by Cindy Hill

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December was our annual Christmas Party



Sue Fordyce winner of the best Christmas Plant presentation





**Winner of this year's Founder's Trophy:
Kathy Barrett**

Top Point Winner 2010: Ken Cook



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Orchids Under the Oaks

Enter a magical world, our
Secret Garden of Orchid Delights
and transform Winter into
Wonderful as you stroll through
hundreds of blooming orchids.
show and sale Jan 8-9, 10am - 4pm
981 Alden Lane, Livermore
FREE admission
(925) 447-0280
www.aldenlane.com

Upcoming Shows



Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale

Jan 22-23 , 10-5 \$3-\$5
1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City
Community Activities Buld.
<http://penorchidsoc.org>

Santa Cruz Orchid show and sale

Jan 29, 9-5, Jan 30, 10-4
Soquel High School
401 Old San Jose Rd. Soquel
FREE admission
FREE parking

Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Jan 8-9: Orchids Under the Oaks (p.4)
Jan 13: DVOS meeting: Cindy Hill "The Challenges and Satisfactions of Growing Orchid Specimen Plants"
Jan 20: Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. at the home of Eileen Jackson
Jan 22-23: POS show and Sale (p.4)
Jan 29-30: SCOS show and Sale (p.4)
Feb 10: DVOS meeting: Liz Charlton "Mount-Up"
Feb 17: Board Meeting 7:30
Mar 4-6: 59th POE SFOC "Natural Wonders"



*Refreshments for the January Meeting
will be provided by the Board*

**Beginning in February we need
volunteers to help with refreshments.
We will take sign-ups for two people to
be responsible for set-up and
clean-up for one meeting.**

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Courtesy of
Kathy Barrett

AOS Awards December 2010

1 Dec. California Sierra Nevada JC - Sacramento

Den. unreg. hybrid 'Denny's Favorite'* (Den. Diamond Queen x Den. Lucky Stripes) AM 82 (prov) Exhibited by Dennis & Janet Wade

Paph. Dollgoldi 'Vera' (Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. armeniacum) AM 83 Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter

Paph. unreg. hybrid 'Leprechaun'* (Paph. Jollix x Paph. Lovely Lady) x Paph. helenae) HCC 78 (prov) Exhb. by Ramon de los Santos

Pro. Kiwi Sunrise 'Nancy' (Pbt. Alan x Z. Perrenoudii) HCC 78 Exhibited by Greg Truex

Rhy. Fordyce Delight 'Grass Valley' (Rth. Fordyce Fantasy x C. Mahalo Jack) HCC 76 Exhb. by Nancy and Ted McClellan

V. jennae 'Moonlight and Star'* species CHM 82 (prov) Exhibited by Venk Reddy

20 Dec. Pacific Central - Oakland

C. Cherry Garcia 'Neon', HCC 76 (C. Elizabeth Off x C. Circle of Life), Exhibited by Japheth Ko

Lyc. Shoalhaven 'Memoria Kuang-Hsin Ko', AM 85 (Lyc. skinneri x Lyc. Kooleana), Exhibited by Japheth Ko

Paph. sukhakulii var. album 'Albarino', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Paph. Wood Wonder 'Carol', HCC 77 (Paph. Zellwood Sattion x Paph. Hsinying Maru), Exhibited by Frank Doyle

7 Dec. Pacific Central JC - San Francisco

no awards

Awards can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center www.aospacificcentral.org

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: www.csnjc.org

CSNJC on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/California-Sierra-Nevada-Judging-Center/104769679585467>

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair
membership@dvos.org

We start 2011 with 100 members

2011 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:

dvos.org/About/membersh.htm

Cindy Hill has been growing species orchids for pleasure for over 30 years, beginning on a kitchen windowsill in St. Louis, then onto a patio and 7x7 ft lean-to greenhouse at her home in Solana Beach, CA. She moved to the Bay Area in 2005, and now grows around 1500 orchids in an intermediate greenhouse in Berkeley. Her favorite genera include Dendrobium, Coelogyne, Holcoglossum, Miltoniopsis and Laelia. Plants she has cultivated have received highest quality and cultural awards from the American Orchid Society, including Paph. rothschildianum 'Rajah Kumis' FCC/AOS and Den. hercoglossum 'Solana Beach' CCE/AOS, as well as the Benjamin Kodama and Carlyle A. Luer Annual Awards from the AOS. Her plant Cochlioda vulcanica 'Ganesh' was Reserve Grand Champion at the New York International Orchid Show, and her plants have earned Best of Show three times at the Pacific

Orchid Exposition in San Francisco. Cindy has traveled to observe orchids in the wild in Borneo, Indonesia, Thailand, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, and Hong Kong. She has been a member of the conservation committee of both the San Diego County Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society, was Acting Editor of Orchid Digest magazine for five years, and is currently a member of the Publication Committee of both the AOS and Orchid Digest. Her articles have been published in both magazines. She is an accredited AOS judge serving in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, based in Sacramento.

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DVOS will not participate in POE

The Board has decided to not enter an exhibit in the San Francisco Pacific Orchid Exposition this March. In the past, the SFOC has reimbursed visiting clubs \$150 for the cost of creating a display at their show. Due to budget constraints, SFOC will reduce that amount to \$100. In addition, the Prize money for winning displays will be half of what it has been in the past. After evaluating the costs of building and staffing a display, the Board has decided to not participate this year. Anyone wishing to enter a plant for judging may take it to the Show, and enter it as an individual, at the open bench. You are also welcome to volunteer at the Plant Hotel, judging, or other venues if you would like to earn free admission.



DVOS is now on Facebook!

Visit: [Diablo View Orchid Society](#)

for up to the minute information about the club and events. Add your own orchid pictures, Club announcements and comments.

New Judging Program in 2011

We are making some changes in how DVOS member plants are judged at our meetings

Beginning in January, we will divide the plant tables into three groups:

NOVICE: those who are new growers, or have few plants and therefore little experience.

INTERMEDIATE: Most of our members. Those who have been growing for several years, know the difference between a Dendrobium and a Paphiopedilum.

ADVANCED: Professional and very successful growers. You know who you are.

LANCER SMITH: species and small plants (less than 6")

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recognition will be awarded in the first three categories.

AOS Corner By Lynn Fuller

What does it mean to be an affiliated society of the American Orchid Society? Why should orchid societies be affiliated? I am often asked this question in conversations about the AOS. First and foremost, being an Affiliated Society affords your society a membership in the American Orchid Society and a subscription to Orchids. Society membership provides access to a number of video and slide shows. The Education Committee of the AOS is working on production of more shows and updating some of the outdated video and slide productions. For a listing of the available programs, check out the website www.aos.org on the Affiliated Society page. Your society may borrow any of these programs. A program that AOS is starting to implement on a trial basis will be useful to your society's recruiting efforts. If your society sends the contact information (preferably email) of any new member (forward to affiliated_societies@aos.org), that new member will receive a subscription to the free e-mail newsletter as well as a copy of a recent issue of Orchids magazine with an invitation to join the American Orchid Society. A membership in the AOS will complement your local society membership.

As an Affiliated Society, you have your own AOS Representative. That AOS Representative acts as the liaison between your society and the AOS. They should have information and membership materials relating to the AOS at each of your meetings. The only requirement of that AOS Representative by the AOS is that they also have their own membership in the AOS. In addition, the Affiliated Societies Committee holds a membership breakfast at each of the two member meetings where we exchange ideas relating to societies' issues, programs and the like. Of course, in order to provide AOS judging at any shows, the sponsoring society or group must be an Affiliated Society.

I look forward to working with you all through the upcoming year. If any of you have any comments or suggestions on how the American Orchid Society may better serve its affiliated societies, please feel free to contact me (you may reach me at affiliated_societies@aos.org).

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DVOS Officers 2011

President: Liz Charlton
Immediate Past President: Eileen Jackson
Vice-President: George McRae
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