Diablo View Orchid Society
Contra Costa Water District 1331 Concord Blvd, Concord
Dinner with the speaker 5:30, meeting starts ~7:30 Speaker ~8:30

July 8, 2004

Bad Plants, Bad Plants*
Whatcha Gonna Do?
Whatcha Gonna Do When They Happen to You?

By
Ja-Rule Olivas & Ice KB

Word up, Homeboys! The gang leaders of the Thrips and the Buds will talk about growing orchids in the hood; the dry desert heat of Contra Costa County. For truth! We’ll talk about growing orchids in our county under our conditions!

To make this meeting a success DVOS members need only do ONE thing: Bring In Your BAD PLANTS!

(Even Dave Tomassini has some!)
We can’t help you grow ‘em if we can’t see what you’re doing!!

Many thanks to Jill Chambers and Giovanna Deem who told me “I don’t know any of these speakers or anything about the orchids they talk about. I just want to know how do I grow orchids?”

You asked and we listened! Bring in any plants you have questions about. There will be fun and profit for doing so! See details inside.

Raffle Table plants are guaranteed to be professionally grown and bug free.

No Dinner with the speaker this month.

Next Board Meeting is July 15 at Barbara Tague’s.

PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF DURING THE DVOS MEETING
Bad Plants Details

Bring In Your BAD PLANTS! Else we’ll have nothing to talk about.

This Meeting, instead of oohing and aahing over the beautiful Orchids on the Show and Tell Table we’ll spend the time to talk about BAD plants and how to make ‘em BETTER. How to water, feed, pot, repot, mediums, light, heat, windowsill, lights, you name it. If you’ve got a question Ja-Rule Olivas and Ice-KB will answer it. This Thrips/Buds truce will last one night only, then sparks may fly!

A twist on Let’s Make a Deal may make it worth your while! You’ll have to attend to see what this means – and bring in a bad plant!

If you are like me you may not know what you don’t know so here are some suggested categories for discussion:

1) **So, What’s It Want?** This is for plants that you just don’t know what it wants in order to bloom. Or for well-grown plants that suddenly took a turn for the worse. Maybe if we put our heads together we can come up with a solution.
2) **Potting/reporting/media suggestions** – to be determined by the Gang Leaders. Don’t be surprised if we put your plant in this category even if you think it belongs in another.
3) **Bugs** – *Please bring these wrapped in clear plastic bags so you don’t spread the infection to other plants.*
4) **What the Hell.** This is where you can show off your nice plants, I suppose, let’s face it sometimes you’ve waiting years for a plant to bloom and show it off to the club. Well go ahead and bring it in, but attention will go to bad plants this month. Hehe!! This category includes anything that hasn’t previously been covered – Categories, HA!! What was I thinking??! There’s always something to discuss with Orchids!

**Fun for all and a real learning opportunity**

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the best worst grown plant. Note: Its still gotta be green/alive to qualify! A pot full of dead roots ain’t alive! This includes the “Look What I’ve Killed For The Umpteenth Time” Ribbon and the “I Lanced It” Dallion.

I’ve been looking forward to this topic all year! – Kathy Barrett

**Greenhouse Tour**

The DVOS fall greenhouse tour is scheduled for Saturday Sep 18. We have private tours scheduled at the brand new White Oak Orchids facility in Pacifica and at Golden Gate Orchids. The cost for the trip is $25 and includes transportation, soft drinks/water and 5 tickets for the plant raffle on the return trip. Each of the facilities we are visiting will be contributing special plants to the raffle. We will meet the bus at 8:30 AM in Pleasant Hill, return time is approximately 4:00 PM. Bring your own lunch, White Oak has a designated lunch area at their new greenhouse. Space is limited to 24. Please bring your check to the meeting or send to:

Joe Grillo, 18 Crest View Court Orinda, CA 94563

Please make checks payable to DVOS.

Thanks! Feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

Joe Grillogrillo25@comcast.net
**Refreshment Corner**
Ice Cream Social this month. Refreshments brought to you courtesy of your Friendly Neighborhood DVOS!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August** - Martin Motes - Vandaceous orchids  
**August 28** - DVOS BBQ and Auction  
**Sept** - [Bob Gordon?????]  
**Oct** - Show prep??? Haiku Maui Orchids?  
**Nov** - Glen Decker - Phrags and maybe some P kovachii  
**Dec** - Xmas party  
**Jan 05** - Gavin McDonald on African species  
**Feb 05** - Ivan Portillo, Ecuagenera.  

**This Month’s AOS Winner**  
6/1/2004  
*Cattleya intermedia var. orlata 'Happy Valley'*  
species Exhibited by Fred Shull

**Show & Tell Table Ribbons**

1st Place: This Month’s First Place Winner  
*L Purpurata var. camea*  
Mercedes Bell  

2nd Place:  
*Den. Vitner's Reserve*  
Joe Grillo  

3rd Place:  
*Odm. reichenheimii x Odcdm Crowborough*  
Beacon Lum  
*Lancer Smith Medallion*  
Chiloshista parishii  
Ulrike Ahlborn  

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No new members this month as was the case last month. We are holding at 91. If you have not paid your membership dues this year, please contact Ulrike. Your dues helps pay for speaker fees, postage and printing for this newsletter and other support activities to make DVOS as fascinating and educational as it is.

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