

Diablo View Orchid Society

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At Our next meeting July 8th

Alan Koch - Orchids 101

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids. Alan is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and is a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazines and in the Proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is an Accredited AOS Judge and is Vice-Chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan has served on the AOS Judging and Research Committees and also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors and is one of the current Directors, as well as a Trustee for the American Orchid Society.

Orchids 101 is a talk without pretty pictures! It is designed to make any grower better. it covers everything you need to know to get bigger better flowers. It encourages audience participation with a give and take high energy discussion. It is fun and everyone learns.

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. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com so we can include you in the reservation.

Plant table will be provided by Gold Country Orchids

NEXT MEETING

Thur. July 8

5:30 - Speaker's Dinner
7:30 - 10:00 pm Meeting

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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Our program in June:

Curtis Gean - Native Orchids of California

- Kathy Barrett

Curtis Gean provided encouragement to DVOS members to get out of the car and go out and find orchids. Local orchids. Ones found alongside roadway culverts and in creeksides and seeps. He says terrestrial orchids can be found in just about any cool, humid trailside, you just have to open your eyes and look. Or - as he says - be careful where you step because you may be stepping on orchids. Once you see them they are everywhere. Now, I've never been one to like terrestrial orchids. To me they all look the same. How wrong I was! Curt's series of pictures (with music I might add - something not usually found in an orchid presentation) not only delineated the differences between genera but also gave size ranges and bloom times for these plants. Some pictures showed how orchid habitat changed over 30 year's time. Curt mentioned Ronald Coleman's book 'Wild Orchids of California' as a field guide to orchids we may discover if and when we put down the remote, get up off the couch and go for a walk. Of course he didn't put it that way. I did. *G* And heck, even a local city-boy like Eric Hunt has pictures of orchids he found on Mt Diablo, so orchids are out there waiting for our discovery. A hardback copy of 'Wild Orchids of California' is available in the DVOS library.



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MaKayla Shields gave her Gold Seal award winning 4H presentation on growing Phalaenopsis orchids to our club. Impressing the 4H judges is one thing, but to speak to a knowledgeable audience like the DVOS and have them applaud their approval is high praise indeed. MaKayla's charm, poise and depth of knowledge about Phalaenopsis culture was impressive, including her very informative display and props. We all know MaKayla from the well-grown Phals she brings every month to our meetings. She knows her stuff! While listening to her, I realized that Dennis Olivas' passion for orchids started the same way and at the same age. So watch out, MaKayla! You may be doing the 'Show and Tell' table soon!

- Kathy Barrett



Membership News

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

We have 79 members.

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

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Greenhouse Tours:
Parky Parkison

Refreshments:
Linda Castleton
Melissa Sadler

Raffles and Sales:
Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:
Dave Tomassini

Librarian:
Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:
Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest
Representative:
Brian Wraxall

SFOS Show Chairman:
Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairman:
Dennis Olivas

California Orchids Tour

Greenhouse Tour - Saturday, July 10 - 10:00 AM

California Orchids - 515 Aspen Rd. - Bolinas, Ca. 94924

www.californiaorchids.com

Mary Nisbet, the owner of California Orchids, has invited the members of DVOS for a special visit. Two greenhouses will be open with plants for sale. We will have lunch there. Food & beverages will be provided. The cost is \$5.00 per person to be paid when you sign up. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

We will meet at California Orchids at 10:00 a.m.

Transportation will be by individual vehicles.

Directions from the Richmond Bridge or San Rafael: (driving time is about 1 hr. from the bridge to Bolinas)

Take Sir Francis Drake Blvd all the way to its intersection with Hwy. 1, which is at the town of Olema. Turn Left and continue south on Hwy 1 for 10-15 minutes. Take a Right onto Horseshoe Hill Road. (If you get to the Bolinas Lagoon you have gone too far). Go Straight thru the first stop sign and continue to the second stop, Mesa Rd. Turn Right on Mesa Rd. Drive up the hill and pass the Fire Station.

Turn Left on Overlook Rd. Then take the first Right on Poplar and the first Right again on Aspen. They are on the corner of Poplar and Aspen.

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David and Alice Tomassini
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White Oak Orchids, Inc.
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1204 Linda Mar Blvd.
(650) 355 - 8767
www.whiteoakorchids.com

Pleasant Hill
Diablo Orchids
Huei-Mei Chen &
Gregory Mayfield
(925) 946-9740
www.diabloorchids.com

Awarded Plants in June

- 1st **V. Robert's Delight**
Ken Cook
- 2nd **Cym. Little Beauty**
Tom Pickford
- 3rd **Paph. Dollgoldi 'Maya Maria'**
Ken Cook



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Schoenorchis manipurensis

Ken Cook

V. Robert's Delight

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Saturday August 28th

(another drumroll, please)

**The Circus is coming to
Town**

**featuring the World-Renowned
Annual DVOS Picnic and Auction**

**in a Single Performance to be held
at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder.**

**All attendees should bring an orchid or
orchid-related item to donate to the auction.**

Food will be plenteous and tasty. The Club will supply chicken, ribs, and beverages. Members to bring side dishes according to the following schedule:

**J - Q Dessert, R - Z Side Dish,
A - E Salad, F - I Hor D'oeuvres.**

Bring enough for 10 servings.

Set-up 10:30-12:00, Lunch 12:30-1:30

Auction 2:00-3:30, Clean-up 4:00-5:00

Every member should be available to help
with set-up or clean-up.

**Come dressed as your favorite
circus character.**

\$50 prize to the best costume.

(This event is open to all DVOS members and guests)

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- July 8: Speaker Alan Koch / Ice Cream Social
July 10: DVOS tour of California Orchids 10 am (P.4)
July 17-18: D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale 9 AM - 3 P M,
Half Moon Bay. (see P. 10)
Aug 7: CSNJC Speakers Day (see P. 9)
Aug 28: DVOS Picnic and Auction (P.7)
Oct 15-17: DVOS Show and Sale

The next Board Meeting

Will be at the home of Brian and Joan
Wraxall on July 15th at 7:30 pm



'Bob'



*Refreshments
for the
July Meeting*



Ice Cream Social

Cookies: Mary-Ann Gschwend,
Noble Emery, George McRae
Beverages/Ice Cream: Board



Paph. Dollgoldi

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Speaker's Day!

Saturday August 7, 2010

9AM to 5PM

Oddfellow's Building

1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden Sacramento, Ca. 95838

Featuring

Glen Decker - Piping Rock Orchids -
Phragmipedium kovachii and its hybrids

Ron McHatton - Director of Education for the American Orchid Society
Orchid Biology for the General Grower - part 2

Marguerite Webb - J&L Orchids -
Good Things Come in Small Packages, miniature orchids, especially for warmer climes

Break out sessions with culture talks - subjects will be announced later - watch this space!

Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants - even FCC's!

Vendors are [Piping Rock Orchids](#) - legal Phrag kovachiis & hybrids!

[J&L Orchids](#) - species and orchids for home, lights & greenhouses

[Gold Country Orchids](#) minicatts that bloom 2-3 times a year

D&D Flowers - Dennis Olivas - Dennis will have whatever the others don't.

General admission - \$15.00

Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJC) or AOS members - \$5.00 in advance, \$10 at the door.



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D&D Flowers

Fall

Open House and Sale

Located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D&D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

July 17-18 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.
Cash and Checks are accepted
(no credit cards)

Dennis and David promise lots of good deals, some as low a \$7 on cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs.



Cym. Little Beauty

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AOS Awards June 2010

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

6/1/10 - Pacific Central JC - San Francisco

Masdevallia Golden Sun 'Winston' (Masd. Canary x Masd. Angel Tang) HCC 75
Exhibited by Ken and Amy Jacobsen

6/2/10 - California Sierra Nevada JC - Sacramento

Cattleya Tahoe Rose 'Jocelyn' (C. walkeriana x L. purpurata) AM 85

Exhibited by James Morris

Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Monster' (Paph. lowii x Paph. parishii) AM 84

Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Prosthechea vitellina 'Susan Hamilton' species AM 80 Exhibited by Chen-Hao Hsu

Rodrumnia Apple Hollow 'Joseph Matthew'

(Rrm. Hare Hollow x Rrm. Sycamore Hollow) HCC 79 Exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner

Rodrumnia Mill Hollow 'Emily Rose' (Rrm. Fox Hollow x Tolu. Maple Dancer) HCC 75

Exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner

Rodrumnia Moon Hollow 'James Maxwell' (Tolu. Bear Hollow x Rrm. Fox Hollow) HCC 77

Exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner

6/21/10 - Pacific Central JC - Oakland

Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Tanya Lam' (Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii) AM 86

Exhibited by Tanya Lam



Schoenorchis manipurens

Awards can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: <http://www.csnjc.org>

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Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

Membership \$20 (), Business \$25 (), Life \$300 () Add \$10 () if you wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail.

(All memberships are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 1 the following year, your privileges will cease. Monthly newsletter will be by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address.)

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: _____

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.**

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