

JULY 2013

Diablo View



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DVOS meets the second Thursday of each month at the
Contra Costa Water District boardroom 7:30-10:00 pm
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

Dennis Olivas, Liz Charlton, & Brad Piini will do their best to entertain and inform.

PLANT TABLE PROVIDED BY:

Dennis Olivas

BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be on July 18 at the home of Eileen Jackson

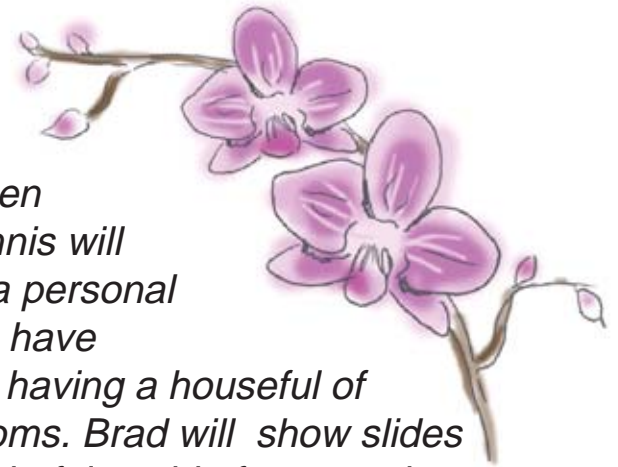
THERE WILL NOT BE A SPEAKER'S DINNER BEFORE OUR JULY MEETING



V. Yuuko Iso-Sumida 'Ted Sumida'

C. Canhamiana 'Azure Skies'

AT OUR NEXT MEETING JULY 11



Expect the Unexpected. Dennis, Brad and Liz have been recruited by **your** Board to hold forth on topics of their choosing. Dennis will reenact the Texas Chainsaw Massacre with overgrown cymbidiums (a personal nightmare). Perhaps he can provide hope to those of us whose yards have been blighted by hulking containers of cymbidium back bulbs. It's like having a houseful of sullen teenagers who eat everything in sight and never clean their rooms. Brad will show slides from his Grand Canyon trek. And finally, Liz will have a go at the wonderful world of mounted orchids. Can she hack an orchid into pieces? Yes she can! Can she tie them and herself in knots? Yes, she can!

Catterel

by Rupert J. Phipps-Faruquar (dec'd)

*If you were an epiphyte,
which would you be?
Discover yourself,
go live on a tree.*

*Live on rainwater,
bird poop and sun.
Inhale CO₂,
return oxygen.*

*A far better life,
than how we've begun.
Helping the planet,
while harming none.*



C. Pacavia (tenebrosa x purpurata)



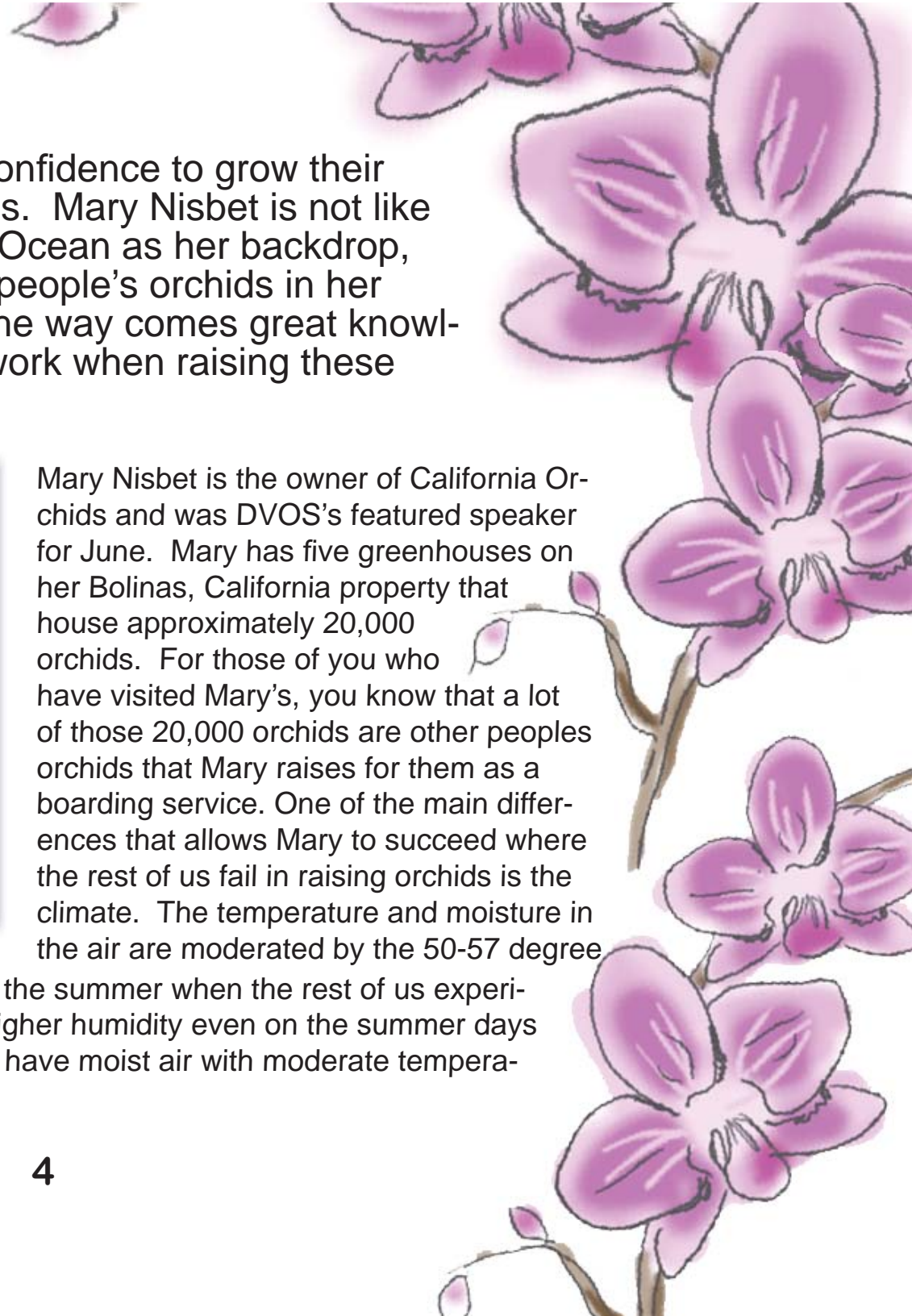
V. parishii

Most orchid growers barely have the confidence to grow their own orchids, much less someone else's. Mary Nisbet is not like most orchid growers. With the Pacific Ocean as her backdrop, she is able to raise her own and other people's orchids in her greenhouses with confidence. Along the way comes great knowledge on what does and what doesn't work when raising these wonderful plants.



Mary Nisbet is the owner of California Orchids and was DVOS's featured speaker for June. Mary has five greenhouses on her Bolinas, California property that house approximately 20,000 orchids. For those of you who have visited Mary's, you know that a lot of those 20,000 orchids are other people's orchids that Mary raises for them as a boarding service. One of the main differences that allows Mary to succeed where the rest of us fail in raising orchids is the climate. The temperature and moisture in the air are moderated by the 50-57 degree

waters of the Pacific Ocean. This leads to fog in the summer when the rest of us experience the dry heat. That ocean air also leads to higher humidity even on the summer days that don't have fog. To sum it up, Mary's orchids have moist air with moderate temperatures and lots of bright, cool light.



The following are some tips from Mary that you can use when growing your own orchids:



Paph. Ruby Mist x Hampshire Raven

1. When your Cattleyas are in bud, but still covered by the sheath, try to keep them in cooler temperatures. This will improve the color when they do bloom and the blooms will last longer. For those of us that grow orchids inland, cooler means growing them outside in the fresh air where it is cooler than the greenhouse.
2. For those of you that grow Paphiopedilums, Mary likes to grow them in a limestone and leaf litter mix. If this is not possible, then water with water from a limestone aquifer. Either way will increase the calcium to the Paphs' roots.
3. When Mary fertilizes her 20,000 orchids she uses a 15-5-15 fertilizer with micronutrients during the slow season, then 18-18-18 during the growing season.
4. Mary's secret for getting specimen size plants, especially Laelias, is to cut the rhizome to stimulate the auxiliary node to sprout a new growth. Mary counts out three bulbs then cuts the rhizome all the way through. Do this without removing the plant or disturbing the root base. The best time to do this is May-June.



Bulb. lobbii



Phal. Noname



Visit: [Diablo View Orchid Society](#)



AOS NEWS

Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

A popular benefit of AOS membership is participation in the Reciprocal Garden program of the American Horticultural Society. Many members report that they save more than the cost of AOS membership annually by using this program. Check out the listing of participating gardens and arboreta at www.ahs.org/gardening-programs/rap—some offer free admission or other benefits to AOS members. You will need to show your AOS membership card to participate.

Over the summer months, members of the Affiliated Societies Committee will be contacting AOS Affiliated Societies for the annual update of information. This will also serve as a reminder to all societies to notify AOS of any changes to your society officers and contact information.

In addition, if you make any changes to your record on the AOS website directly, please send AOS a notification that you changes have been made. Unfortunately at this time, they do not get any notification of any changes.

Plans are being solidified on the Fall Members and Trustees meeting to be held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. The confirmed speakers to date are Kiat Tan of Singapore, Mr. Chen Chung Chen, President of the Taiwan Paph Society and Munekazu Ejiri of Japan. AOS hopes you join us at the Fall meeting and explore AOS' new home.

Is your society aware of all the benefits of being an affiliated society of the American Orchid Society? We would appreciate knowing what you all deem the top benefits of affiliation. Send to me your society's listing of their top 3 benefits at www.affiliated_societies@aos.org. I'll report the results in future AOS Corners.





**REFRESHMENTS
FOR THE JULY
MEETING WILL
BE OUR ANNUAL
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SOCIAL**

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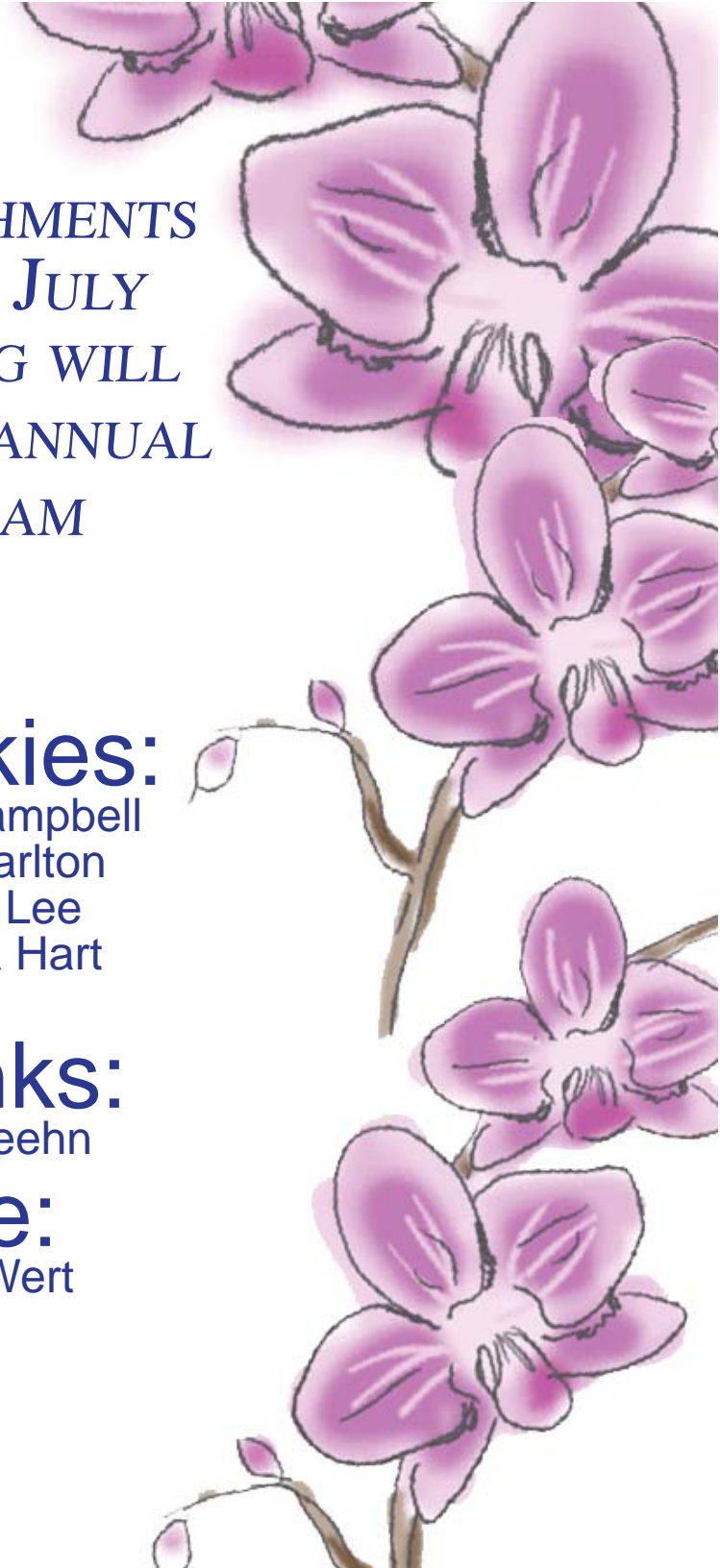
Carol Campbell
Liz Charlton
Sung Lee
Marcia Hart

Drinks:

Joy Keehn

Ice:

Jim Wert



Awards DVOS June

Novice

- 1st *Phal.* Noname Pascual Machin
2nd *V. falcata* Musia Stagg
3rd *Paph.* Ruby Mist x Hampshire Raven Marcia Hart

Intermediate

- 1st *V. Noname* Sung Lee
2nd *C. Pacavia* Linda Castleton
3rd *Bulb. lobbii* 'Kathy's Gold' Eileen Jackson

Advanced

- 1st *V. Yuuko* Iso-Sumida 'Ted Sumida' Mark Dillard
2nd *V. parishii* Mark Dillard
3rd *C. Canhamiana* 'Azure Skies' Fred Shull

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

Den. cucumerinum 'Little Pickle' Tom Pickford

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

Awards for May can be viewed at:

<http://www.csnjc.org>



Den. cucumerinum 'Little Pickle'



UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

July 11: **Orchid Comedy Hour (A tragedy in three parts)**

August 3: **California Sierra Nevada Judging Center's 4th Annual Speaker's Day 9-5 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Sacramento, Howe at Alta Arden. Details: <http://www.csnjc.org/>**

August 10: **Annual DVOS Picnic and Auction! This year's Theme:**



Sept. 12: **Fred Clarke**

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Vanda falcata 'Suruga Fukurin'