

Diablo View Orchid Society

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June 2010



At Our next meeting June 10th **Curtis Gean - Native Orchids of California**

Curtis Gean will present a program on Native Orchids of California. Curtis' involvement with orchids started in the late 1960s. He was looking for exotic plants to supplement a photo shoot he had undertaken; a local nursery directed him to a man who "grew a few orchids". He helped Curtis to obtain the information he needed and invited him to a meeting of the local society, where he won two raffle plants. That was all it took! He was hooked! This individual became Curtis' mentor and a good friend. The friendship endured until he passed away a few years ago at the age of 96. His name was Homer C. Dodson – father of the internationally recognized orchid taxonomist – Callaway Dodson. It was through Homer's guidance that Curtis was able to learn enough about orchids to enable him to eventually become a certified AOS judge in 1983.

In his study of orchids, Curtis became curious about what orchids occurred naturally in California. This became the basis of his ongoing search for native orchids. In 1996, he moved to the State of Colima in Mexico where he spent most of the next ten years. He did considerable exploring of the western areas of Mexico, especially the Pacific Coast, and was able to locate and photograph many of the native orchids. He now lives in Sanger, about 15 miles east of Fresno.

Curtis has prepared a program which he hopes will stimulate the members' interest in searching for, finding, and photographing the native orchids of our area.

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 Curtis Gean; and will include Paphs., Phals., Catts., & Dens.

NEXT MEETING

Thur. June 10

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

Contra Costa Water
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1331 Concord Ave.
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Our program in May:

Fred Clarke - Venezuelan Cattleyas

-Brad Piini

Diablo View Orchid Society was delighted to welcome back Fred Clarke as our guest speaker for the month of May. Fred's talk centered on a travelogue through Venezuela, with an emphasis on the orchid *Cattleya mossiae*.

Cattleya mossiae has a tremendous significance to the people of Venezuela. Its background is based in religion and will always be connected to the patron saint of Venezuela. That patron saint is known as la Virgen De Coromoto. In 1651 some local Indians in the jungles of Venezuela first saw an apparition of the virgin. This image was a sign to the locals to join the new world religion that the Spanish missionaries were establishing in their country. Legend has it, that at the same time that the Virgin's image appeared to the local Indians, the orchid *Cattleya mossiae* first appeared in the jungles of Venezuela. Every year on the day of celebration in honor of la Virgen de Coromoto, the locals honor the saint with offerings of *Cattleya mossiae*. Most are of a lavender color, but there is a rare white variety which symbolizes the purity of the Virgin and is much harder to find locally, probably due to over harvesting for the celebration.

Fred went on to show several *C. mossiae* plants, both lavender and white. He was able to purchase these plants from the locals for 1-2 dollars. In order for Fred to send these orchids back to the United States, he had to get the collected orchids a clear CITES permit. The rules state that for an orchid to be shipped to a different country the plant must



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be artificially propagated and nursery grown for one year. The artificial propagation can be accomplished by splitting the plant into two pieces. After these divisions have been raised in a nursery for one year, they are eligible to be shipped abroad once the appropriate fees are paid.

Fred finished his talk with a short question and answer session where he briefly detailed his career history starting with growing herbs, then poinsettias, and finally cut flowers.

Thanks, Fred!

Here's a link to a story about street vendors in Hanoi, Vietnam. I love the pic of orchids on a motor scooter
<http://www.slippertalk.com/forum/showthread.php?t=16384>

Here's one about the discovery of a new orchid species in Vietnam <http://www.slippertalk.com/forum/showthread.php?t=16167> Initially the discoverer was questioned about the location of the habitat, but eventually he shows pictures of the region bordering with China that are amazing. You can tell I have to get out and travel more (if at all)

For our camera fans I've attached a picture taken using high dynamic range 'photo stacking' a technique that lays one image upon another to clarify depth of field. Paul Simon of the Peninsula Orchid Society took about 10 photos with different focus points and used Photoshop to align and then merge. There's a free program (that he hasn't used) that will do the same. Check on Google, and good luck!

Kath

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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

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Rita Tischler

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Dennis Olivas

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Representative:
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Brad Piini

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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. Cost will be \$5.00 per person to be paid when you sign up. A sign up sheet will be available at the next

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.



Masd. Angel Frost
'Highland' x
coccinea

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David and Alice Tomassini
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(925) 736-7630
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62 Oceanside Dr.
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www.whiteoakorchids.com

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

Awarded Plants in May

1st *Masd.* Noname 'Purple'

Ken Cook

2nd *L. sincorana* x *Sci.* Sierra Doll

Eileen Jackson

3rd *Masd.* Angel Frost 'Highland'
x *Masd. coccinea*

Brian Wraxall



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Tricopilia tortilis

Akiko Ogawa

Masd. Noname 'Purple'

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McKayla Shields takes GOLD at 4H State Presentation Day

McKayla will present her talk:
How to Grow Phalaenopsis Orchids
at our next meeting

The Gold Seal is the highest award you can earn for State Presentation Day. In order to qualify for this event, MaKayla had to earn Gold at the county level and again at the Northern California Sectionals earlier this year.

Tiny radio transmitters track flight of tropical orchid bees

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/blog/post.cfm?id=tiny-radio-transmitters-track-fligh-2010-05-27>



Membership News

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

We have 79 members.

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Saturday August 28th

(drumroll, please)

**The Circus is coming to
Town**

**with the World-Famous
DVOS Annual Picnic and Auction**

for a Single Performance to be held

at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder.

**Everyone needs to bring an orchid or orchid item
to donate to the auction fundraiser.**

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

- June 10: Curtis Gean *California Native Orchids*
June 12-13: Maplethorpe Orchids Open House 10-3 3300 Maplethorpe Ln,
Soquel 831-462-0257
- July 8: Speaker T.B.A. 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)

The next Board Meeting

Will be at the home of Brad & Karen Piini
on June 17th at 7:30 pm

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*Refreshments
for the
June Meeting
Fruit in the
Great Outdoors*

We will not have the use of the CCCWD kitchen this month, so it is important that your food items be cut in pieces and easy to eat outside.

Desserts: Cheryl Phillipson,
Doris Hearn, Bayan Culhane,
George McRae, Sheridan Duffy,
Ken Cook

Beverages/Ice: Lauren

Refreshment volunteers:
George McRae, Tom Pickford



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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 as \$7 on cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs.

L. sincorana



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AOS Awards May 2010

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

5/4/10 - Pacific Central JC - San Francisco

Cattleya intermedia var. *orlata* 'Otto Haettinger', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Slc. unnamed hybrid 'Winston', HCC 78 (prov) (Lc. Koolau King x Slc. Circle of Life), Exhibited by Ken and Amy Jacobsen

5/5/10 - Sacramento - California Sierra Nevada JC (held in the parking lot)

Masdevallia O'Brien's Passion 'Persistence', HCC 76 (*Masd. Annette Hall* x *Masd. coccinea*),

Exhibited by Kathleen F. Barrett

Paph. S. Gratrix 'Cabernet', AM 80 (*Paph. bellatulum* x *Paph. leucochilum*),

Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilum Wood Wonder 'Cote d'Or', AM 81 (*Paph. Zellwood Station* x *Paph. Hsinying Maru*),

Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

5/14/10 - Pacific Central JC - Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show

Cymbidium Cricket 'Pala Pala', HCC ? pts and CCM 86 (*Cym. devonianum* x *Cym. madidum*), Exhibited by Esther Boivin

Holcoglossum flavescens 'May Jean', HCC 76 species, Exhibited by Ricky Wong

5/17/10 - Pacific Central JC - Oakland

no awards

Awards can be seen at:

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

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



tricotipila tortilis

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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 ()

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