Growing Phalaenopsis presented by Helen & Maynard Michel

We are pleased this month to have as our speakers, Helen & Maynard Michel. They are the former proprietors of the prestigious Phalaenopsis House, Orchids Orinda, which was part of the Orchid Ranch complex in Livermore, California. They are both long standing members of the Orchid Society of California and are accredited A.O.S. judges of the Pacific Central Judging Center, with Helen Michel as Chairperson. Both Maynard and Helen worked at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory as nuclear chemists and their work was instrumental in showing that the extinction of the dinosaurs was due to an asteroid impact 63 million years ago.

Next Meeting: Thur. May 12th 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 the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln. in Pleasant Hill.
Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speakers before the meeting. Call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 if you can join us, so that you can be included in the reservation.

Plant table will be provided by the DVOS board
Fruit salad anyone? Imagine a Las Vegas style buffet with bowls and bowls of fresh fruit. As you go by with your plate, you scoop up spoonful after spoonful of your favorite fruit. Coconut, watermelon, peaches, and citrus. Sound good? April’s speaker, Dan Newman, talked about a class of orchids which could get you that fruit cocktail experience. Dan Newman introduced the DVOS to the wonderful fruity fragrance of Maxillarias.

Dan Newman’s lecture was titled “The Mysterious Maxillarias”. The mystery was not in a Hitchcock, Agatha Christie, who done it kind of way. The mystery is that most people know very little about this type of orchid. That is the real mystery. They are not widely grown by orchid hobbyists and only limited hybridizing has been attempted by commercial growers.

Dan started by describing the cultural conditions of Maxillarias orchids. He then went into a slide show that described the shapes, patterns, colors and fruit smells of the different Maxillarias. There are 570 Maxillaria species. They are distributed from Mexico into South America and some Caribbean islands. In South America, Maxillarias are found among the Andes Mountains in Brazil and Argentina. Most Maxillarias can be grown in pots, mounted,
or in hanging baskets. These orchids are tolerant of a wide range of temperatures, preferring intermediate conditions. They also prefer moderately moist conditions and moderate light for optimum growing. Dan likes to grow his Maxillarias in shredded redwood bark (gorilla hair) or sphagnum moss.

The slide show then began and Dan showed a variety of different Maxillarias. Stripes, nodding flowers, large flowers, strapped, spidery shaped. Mixed in the show were the fruit scented Maxillarias. Maxillaria Tenuifolia smells of coconut, Max. Rufescens smells of vanilla, Max. Huebschii and Max. Victoriae smell like peaches, and Max. Turkeliae smells of lemon lime.

On behalf of the DVOS, I would like to thank Dan Newman for the great talk on Maxillarias and the wonderful images that you created with the fruity scents of these beautiful orchids. Good thing you didn’t mix in any slides and commentary on Bulbophillums and their scents. I would not want that image in my Las Vegas buffet. Whew. -Brad Piini
Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east 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.

D & D Flowers
Half Moon Bay   (925) 969-1246

Spring Open House
May 14 & 15, 2011
9:00 AM to 3 PM

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve. We will be having a $7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

Help your local orchid society. For every $25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in October of 2011.
Carmel Valley Garden Show

May 7-8  9am-4pm
Mother’s Day Weekend
FREE

42nd Annual Garden Show
Presented by the Carmel Orchid Society, The Carmel Valley Garden Association, and Hidden Valley Music Seminars

Location:
Hidden Valley Music Seminars
88 West Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel Valley (11 Mi E of Hwy 1)

For more information:
www.cvgardenshowcom

Diablo View Orchid Society
DVOS Meeting Schedule

Our meetings have been running a bit long. In part this is due to all the wonderful plants members have brought for our Show & Tell. Beginning with our May meeting we will try to stay on schedule so everyone gets home at a reasonable time.

7:30 - 7:45 Announcements
7:45 - 8:30 Speaker
8:30 - 8:45 Refreshments
8:45 - 9:45 Plant Show & Tell
9:45 - 10:00 Raffle

San Jose Orchid Exposition #6
San Jose Japantown       June 3-5
Location: Miraido Village Club House,        550 N. Sixth St., San Jose, CA 95112
More info:          408.623.0413
Website:  www.realorchidgrowers.com     Facebook page: Real Orchid Growers

June 3:     Preview Night-5:30pm-9:30pm: Orchid Conservation Alliance Fundraiser (100% contribution of $10.00 admission per person to OCA) Vendors pay the sales tax this evening, reception food, wine tasting, special guest speaker

June 4:     Orchid Sales & Skill Sessions-9:00am-6:00pm: free admission, wine tasting, skill sessions, comp orchid drawing based on purchase of orchid following each skill session

June 5:     Orchid Sales & Skill Sessions-10:00am-5:00pm: free admission, wine tasting, skill sessions, comp orchid drawing based on purchase of orchid following each skill session

Chiloschista viridiflava
Upcoming Speakers and Events

May 7-8:  Carmel Valley Garden Show (P.5)
May 12:   DVOS meeting - Helen and Maynard Michel - Phalaenopsis

The Plant table at our May meeting will be our annual Grab Bag. $10 per ticket. You are guaranteed to win a quality, blooming size orchid. This is always a popular plant table, so get to the meeting early to purchase your ticket.

May 14-15:  D&D Flowers Open House and Sale - Half Moon Bay (p.4)
May 19:  DVOS Board Meeting at the home of Liz and Jamie
June 3-5:  San Jose Orchid Exposition Show and Sale (p. 6)
June 12:  DVOS meeting - Ken Cook - Masdavallias
June 18:  Orchid Digest 9th annual Speaker’s Day (P.9)

Refreshments for the May Meeting will be provided by:

FOOD:
Food must be cut into servings
George Cooper         Diana Vavrek
Nancy & Ted McClellan Barbara Ungersma
Shaylen Reisinger Bob Akbarian

DRINKS:
Jeanette Bean
Bernice Lindner
ICE:
Jim Wert

SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:
Cicily Briant
Anne Nounou
Raul Garcia de Leon

Diablo View Orchid Society

May 2011

Orchis Morio
Awards DVOS March

**Advanced**
1st  *Lc. Lake Tahoe v. coerulea* ‘High Sky’
    Ted McClellan
2nd  *Rlc. Suncoast Sun Spots*
3rd  *V. teres*
    George McRae
    Mark Dillard

**Intermediate**
1st  *Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler* ‘Lenette’
    Renate Johnson
2nd  *Orchis morio*
    George Cooper
3rd  *Den. chrysotoxum*
    Eileen Jackson

**Novice**
1st  *Gal. devoniana*
    Yunar Peralta
2nd  *Lc. Trick or Treat*
    Susan Fetter
3rd  *Cym. Noname*
    Susan Fetter

**Lancer Smith (species/under 6”)**
*Chiloschista viridiflava*
    Liz Charlton

*Lc. Lake Tahoe v. coerulea ‘High Sky’*

*Blc. Sun Coast Sunspots*
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NINTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER’S DAY!!
“ONCIDIINAE”

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Saturday, June 18, 2011 – 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in
Friends Hall

FEATURING: All Genera Flower Display – Orchid
Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner

Remember!! AOS judging at 10:00 AM Open at
11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the flower display

Prize for best species and best hybrid

Lecturers: Cordelia Head, Jim Rassmann, Steve Beckendorf, Howard Liebman
Dinner Speaker: Mark Chase

VENDORS: J & L Orchids; Cal Orchids; Andy’s Orchids;
Sunset Valley Orchids, Orchid Inn

Tickets: $60 ($70 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Entertainment

Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave.,
Seal Beach, CA 90740
Phone: (562) 431-1247 E-mail: orchidsimonef@aol.com

Make Your Reservations Now!

Diablo View Orchid Society

May 2011
As many of the societies take a summer hiatus, here are some suggestions to help keep your orchid experience going through the summer. As an example, as you are repotting (either individually or as a society), perhaps you could solicit the assistance of new members of your society, give them some hands on experience and share divisions with them...a win-win for everyone. Visit commercial orchid firms listed on the AOS web site and in the Orchid Source Directory (I’ve heard of some members who keep theirs in their car so they can check while traveling on whose nearby). As you are planning your summer vacations or outing take advantage of reciprocal garden admissions AOS members enjoy. Use some hot lazy summer days exploring the members only section of the AOS web site......lots of hidden nuggets to enrich your orchid journey and improve growing or spark a new or renewed interest in a particular variety. Check out some of the summer orchid events (listed in Orchids as well as on the AOS website – keep checking for new additions) including Redland Orchid Festival, Shore Orchid Festival, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Fair, Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Houston Orchid Society Summer Workshop or Phalaenopsis Symposium.

As I write this, I’m preparing to go to the Spring AOS meeting in Shreveport, LA. The Affiliated Societies Committee will be holding their committee meeting as well as its traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast. I’ll do a brief report next month on those meetings as well as forward along any information from the Trustees meeting. I would like to also remind all affiliated society representatives to let us know when any changes take place in any contact information for your society including, but not limited to the AOS Representative (who also must be a member of AOS), any newsletter editor and the President. Current email and snail mail information would be appreciated. You can send that information to affiliated_societies@aos.org.
DVOS Officers 2011

President: Liz Charlton
Immediate Past President: Eileen Jackson
Vice-President: George McRae
Treasurer: Brian Wraxall
Secretary: Rodney Kline
Board Members: Brad Piini, Karen Piini, Ken Cook, Jamie Wasson, Parky Parkison

Membership: Ulrike Ahlborn membership@dvos.org
Newsletter: Jamie Wasson, Liz Charlton
dvosnews@gmail.com
Webmaster: Nick Doe, Ulrike Ahlborn
webmaster@dvos.org
Greenhouse Tours: Parky Parkison
Refreshments: vacant
Raffles and Sales: Rita Tischler, Judith Johnson
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:

Commercial Members

Commercial Plant Services
David & Alice Tomassini, 3 Woodside Ct., Danville, (925) 736-7630
atomassini@aol.com

White Oak Orchids, Inc.
Sales and Boarding, 1204 Linda Mar Blve., (650) 355-8767
www.whiteoakorchids.com

California Orchids
Mary Nisbet, 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, (415) 868-0203
www.californiaorchids.com

Den. chrysotoxum
May 2011

Diablo View Orchid Society

AOS Awards March 2011

4/6/2011 - CSNJC - Sacramento
Cattleya Sierra Plum ‘Julia Anne’, HCC 79 (C. Sierra Doll x C. Vallezac), Exhibited by James Morris
Dendrobium trigonopus ‘Vistamont’, CCM 87 species, Exhibited by Cynthia Hill
Holcoglossum flavescens ‘May Jean’, CCM 84 & AM 82 species, Exhibited by Ricky Wong - upgrade of previous award
Paphiopedilum suhkakulii var. album ‘Albarino’, AM 82 species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky - upgrade of prev. award
Prosthechea vitellina ‘Wailing Banshee’, HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
Sarcocchilus Burgundy on Ice ‘Pinot Noir’, AM 81 (Sarco. Judith x Sarco. Fitzhart), Exhibited by James Morris
Sarcocchilus Leanne ‘Julie Anne’, HCC 75 (Sarco. Sharon x Sarco. Fitzhart), Exhibited by James Morris
Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle ‘Coconut Ice’, AM 82 (Sarco. Fitzhart x Rhyndostylis retusa), Exhibited by James Morris

4/1/2011 - San Joaquin Orchid Society Show - Stockton
Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love ‘Vera’, AM 80
(Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter
Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love ‘Nova’, AM 80
(Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter
This one has a video of the flower - the first award video!

4/9/2011 - Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show - Modesto
Epi. Wedding Valley ‘Sakura’, HCC 78 (Epi. Princess Valley x Epi. Pearl Valley), Exhibited by Jan Martin
Phrag. Sorceror’s Apprentice ‘Sandwolf’, HCC 76 (Phrag. longifolium x Phrag. sargentianum), Exhibited by Bill Sanders

4/16/2011 - Sacramento Orchid Society Show - Sacramento
Ansellia africana ‘Primera’, FCC 92 species, Exhibited by Cal-Orchid
Cattleya kettieana ‘Elizabeth Anne’, HCC 78 species, Exhibited by James Morris
Chysis bractescens ‘A&M’, AM 83 species, Exhibited by Doug Kubo
Epi. unnamed hybrid ‘Tangerine Orb’**, AM 82 (prov) (Epi. Pacific Benchmark x Epi. Pacific Girl) Exhibited by Cal-Orchid
Microterangis hariotiana ‘Gold Country’, CCM 81 species, Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids
Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh ‘Joan’, HCC 76 (Paph. delenatii x Paph. vietnamense), Exhibited by Howard Gunn
Paphiopedilum Robinianum ‘Loire’, AM 85 (Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
Parapteroceras odoratissimum ‘Kai’, CCM 83 species, Exhibited by Diana Blasingame
Phalaenopsis lobbi var. flava ‘Monster’, AM 81 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
Sarcocchilus Charm ‘Julie Anne’, AM 86 (Sarco. Fitzhart x Sarco. Bernice Klein), Exhibited by James Morris