



# Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

<http://www.diabloviewos.org>

November 2002

## Program: “Maxillaria Species” Dr. Eric Christenson

### Meeting Date, Time and Location

**When: Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002**

**Meeting starts @ 7:30 PM**

**Culture Session @ 7 PM: Sybil Rene McGowan: “B is for bark, C is for coconuts and a plethora of other medias”**

**Where: Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium  
1331 Concord Ave., Concord**

**Dinner with the speaker: 5:30 PM @ Spring Garden Restaurant  
785 Oakgrove Rd., Concord**

**RSVP (925) 833-0840 or e-mail DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM by 11/12/02**

### Upcoming Events: (topics in parenthesis)

#### November

14 General meeting

Speaker: Dr. Eric A. Christenson  
author of *Phalaenopsis: A Monograph*  
Topic: Maxillarias

21 Board Meeting

#### December

12 General meeting

DVOS Holiday Party @ The Bridge Center,  
2219 Morello Ave., Pleasant Hill

**May 2003:** Roy Tokunaga of H & R Nurseries  
'Everything you wanted to know about  
Dendrobiums'

**June 2003:** Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids  
'How to Get the Most Out of Your Plants'

**Sept. 2003:** Gene Crocker of Carter & Holmes  
Orchid Nurseries: 'Current Trends in Art Shade  
Cattleyas (including the influence of certain species)'

## Message from the President

Unhappily, we have sad news to inform our members. Tom Bean passed away on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after succumbing to a heart attack.

Tom and his wife, Jeannette, had joined our society in 1994. Tom became a board member in 1998 and served for 3 years. They attended meetings regularly and always helped at various functions and events.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at

Shell Ridge Community Church  
200 La Casa Via ~ Walnut Creek

On behalf of DVOS, our condolences to the Bean family.

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## Plea from the President

With November upon us everything starts to happen really fast. Before you know it, it'll be 'New Years'. But Stop! We still need a Vice Pres. and an Editor to complete our DVOS staff and officers.

If you have some computer savvy, Mark Rotter, our current Editor will explain what is involved and help you get set up.

The Vice President position also will have help with scheduling speakers and other duties when needed.

There has been a lot of work done this year to make the upcoming year easier. Speak to Charlotte Leong for any information or questions you may have.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend our next board meeting to get a feel for how things are carried out.

If you care about this society and think you would enjoy working behind the scenes and making a real contribution, it's time to come forward and help out "your" society. Thank you.

David Tomassini

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NOV. NEWSLETTER  
IS FRIDAY, NOV. 29**

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## DVOS STAFF

*President* - David Tomassini

*Vice-President* - Charlotte Leong

*Secretary* - Alice Tomassini

*Treasurer* - Barbara Tague

*AOS Rep.* - Barbara Tague

*BBQ* - Sue Fordyce

*Culture Sessions* - Charlotte Leong

*Greenhouse Tours* - Linda Daraskavich

*Historian* - Nathalie Smith

*Indoor/Outdoor Group* - Open

*Librarian* - Phyllis Arthur

*Lights&Equipment* - Juan Bofill, Parky Parkison

*Membership* - Ulrike Ahlborn

*Newspaper Ads* - Karen Moonitz

*Raffle/Other sales* - Nancy Pak

*Refreshments* - Linda Castleton, Tonky Bofill

*S.F. Show* - Ron Bettencourt

*Sound System* - Dave Tomassini

*Webmaster* - Nick Doe

*Welcome Hostess* - Madge Fordyce

*Board Members* - Juan Bofill, Linda Daraskavich, Nancy Pak, Parky Parkison, Mark Rotter

*Newsletter Editor*

Mark Rotter (925) 833-0840

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## Letter from the Editor

### POSITION AVAILABLE - NEWSLETTER EDITOR

At this point in time, we still are waiting for a volunteer for the position of newsletter editor. Please read Dave Tomassini's column on the preceeding page and think about how you can help out your society. You get out as much as you put in.

So, December 2002 will be the last issue with yours truly as editor. Not to put too fine a point on it, but this society will be newsletter-less if no one comes forward by the end of December. If you're interested in the position, please e-mail me at [dvosnews@attbi.com](mailto:dvosnews@attbi.com). Of course, I will be happy to assist with the transition.

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## This Month's Speaker - Dr. Eric Christenson

Nationally and internationally acclaimed taxonomist, Dr. Eric Christenson, will speak to us about Maxillaria Species. As a prodigious authoritarian on a wide range of orchid genera such as vandaceous, maxillariae, sobralias; and of course phalaenopsis-he is widely sought after as a speaker and consulted for species identification. His skills as an author are in great demand. One can hardly pick up a copy of one of the well known orchid publications such as Orchids (the AOS bulletin), Orchid Digest, Orchid Review and others without finding an article he has contributed. Currently he is putting the finishing touches on a massive, three volume work, commissioned by the AOS, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CULTIVATED ORCHID SPECIES. If you have one of his books, he may even sign it for you.

Maxillaria is a genus of neotropical orchids, favored by cultivators for their showy flowers and being easy to grow. The plants are smaller than other orchid genera, and the stems usually bear only one flower. Many of us have seen Maxillaria tenuifolia at the 'Show and Tell' table, easily recognized by its coconut scent. Come join us for an interesting evening on this delight-

ful species, or better yet, join us earlier at the speaker dinner and talk with Dr. Christenson personally.

Next month is our traditional Holiday Party and potluck. Come join us for the fun and celebration. By popular request, Sue Fordyce of Fordyce Orchids will grace us with her rendition of 'holiday cheer'. You won't want to miss this.

**RAFFLE PLANTS FROM D & D ORCHIDS**  
D & D Orchids will be providing the plants for our raffle table this month. Known for their wide variety of quality plants, this is a great time to add to your collection. Be sure to get your raffle tickets.

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## Culture Corner

In October fellow member Linda Daraskavich shared her tips for eliminating the pests ants and aphids. She provided many safe home remedies that have worked for many orchid enthusiasts. Many of the ingredients were easily found at the local drug store or in your kitchen.

In November fellow member Sybil Rene McGowan will present 'B is for bark, C is for coconut .... and a plethora of other medias' The presentation is designed for beginner growers. This should be a good introduction to the various medias you will hear about in the many orchid culture sources. If you are new to orchids, this one topic you won't want to miss.

Happy growing,  
Charlotte

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## The Best-Dressed Orchid

'Best Dressed Orchid' coming in December!

Don't forget our annual award for the best decorated plant at the December meeting. Start thinking on how to decorate your blooming orchid for the holidays.

## Have Dinner with the Speaker!

Come join us for dinner prior to the November meeting. Here is your opportunity to meet and talk with Dr. Eric Christenson internationally acclaimed author of several books including the recent Phalaenopsis: A Monograph. Dinner reservations are for 5:30 PM at Garys Spring Garden Restaurant, 785 Oak Grove Rd. at the corner of Oak Grove and Treat Blvd. in Concord. Gary puts on a nice family style dinner for all who attend. If you get lost, the phone number for the restaurant is 925-827-1900. Cost is \$15/person with tax and tip, drinks are an additional cost. Please RSVP with Charlotte at [dvosnews@attbi.com](mailto:dvosnews@attbi.com) <<mailto:dvosnews@attbi.com>> or leave a message at 925-833-0840 by 11/12/02. If you don't RSVP, but find you can come to dinner at the last minute, please join us. We can always accommodate a few extra people. Hope to see you there.  
Charlotte

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## The Holiday Party is coming!!

Mark your calendars for our annual holiday party on Thursday December 12, 2002. Join us for a great time of socializing and good food. You don't want to miss this event.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR, THE PARTY WILL BE HELD AT

The Bridge Center  
2219 Morello Ave.  
Pleasant Hill

See you there!

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## Greenhouses

Have you been thinking of building or adding on to your existing greenhouse? I have been looking into ordering some double-wall polycarb and the larger the quantity the better the price, so if you're interested in putting in an order please let me, Linda Daraskavich, know. I can be contacted by e-mail [linda@ent-oakland.com](mailto:linda@ent-oakland.com), or my home phone 707-554-2382.

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## Refreshment Room

October's refreshment table was excellent. Thanks to all who brought food and beverages. It is now up to those who signed up for November to meet the challenge: **Linda Daraskavich, Renate Johnson, Karen Moonitz, Kathy Ames, Esther Yee, Linda Paige, Rita Tisch and Brad Piini.** Beverages will be provided by: **Juan Bofill.**

If for whatever reason any of you can't attend the meeting, please call **Linda Castleton** (925-256-4628) in advance of the meeting.

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!!! This year our Christmas Party will be celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Because of restrictions imposed by the Contra Costa Water District, we will be changing venue. The new venue for the Party will be the Bridge Center, located in the shopping center at the corner of Taylor and Morello in Pleasant Hill.**

Linda Castleton  
Antonieta Bofill

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## Last Month's Presentation

At the October meeting we were treated with an entertaining and informative evening on how orchids were named. Presenter, Dr. Joanne Whitney, kept us amused and intrigued at the antics leading up to the naming of some orchids. Did you know Montezuma always drank some vanilla as a aphrodisiac before he visited his 30 wives? That will make you think twice the next time you order ice cream :o)



# Results from the DVOS Competition

1st Place

**David Tomassini**

*L Perenii*

2nd Place

**Brad Piini**

*Catt.*

3rd Place

**Nathalie Smith**

*V Seedline*

Look What I Bloomed For the First Time

**Juan Bofill**

*Zygo John Banks x MacKayii x Zygo Elfin Jade*

Lancer Smith Award

**Barbara Tague**

*Camparettia Speciosa*

Many thanks to our judges who shall remain anonymous, since their names weren't available.

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## Your Name on an Orchid!

Aloha,

We will be sending a postcard to you on behalf of your orchid society. This is a contest for individuals who wish to have an orchid named after them. Anyone, even non-orchidists can enter, but we hope that orchid lovers will log on to [www.haleahi.com](http://www.haleahi.com) and see if the orchid featured was pollinated on the day and month of their birthday.

Details of the contest are at [www.haleahi.com/General/contest\\_info.html](http://www.haleahi.com/General/contest_info.html)

We will post a new orchid each month giving individuals twelve opportunities each year to see if they were born on the same day as the new orchid. If they are, they qualify to have the pictured orchid named after them. No obligations or purchase is nec-

essary.

Lynn Kiyan

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## News from the AOS Pacific Judging Center

The webpage for the AOS Pacific Central Judging Center is now complete with pictures, descriptions and some measurements of orchids awarded for the year 2002 at both Oakland and San Francisco centers. The 'Location' page even has a link to web cams from around the Bay Area in case you wonder what the weather is like across the bay. ("Should I bring a jacket?" \*Of Course\* you should!! Its the Bay Area!!)

I hope you enjoy looking at the photographs. The page wouldn't have the national acclaim it has without the talent of our photographers Eric Hunt (SFOS), Nick Doe (DVOS), Michael Gallagher (DVOS/AOS), Walter Shinn (SFOS/AOS) and me. The bones of the project, the raw data, is provided by Walter Shinn (SFOS/AOS), Tom Merics (AOS) and Lois Miller (Carmel/AOS).

This will be a work in progress, especially as show season approaches. The plan is to show many local show awards, too. (So don't feel left out.)

The webpage can be found at <http://www.aospacificcentral.org> and if you forget that name, the Google search engine bots have found it, so there's no excuse not to come and look.

Kathy Barrett  
webmaster

**Livermore**

\*The Orchid Ranch\*  
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659  
Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis  
Tonkins Orchids - Paphiodeliums

**Oakland**

\*Orchids Fiori D'Amore\*  
Paolo & Nina DiCandia  
510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

**Yuba City**

\*Orchid Obsession\*  
Brent & Toni Cushenbery  
1477 Oswald Rd., Yuba City, CA 95993  
916-673-6763

**Walnut Creek**

\*Orchid Gallery\*  
Jing Ho  
1501 N. California Blvd.

**Vallejo**

\*MGM Orchids\*  
Mariano G Morales  
(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)

**San Leandro**

\*The Paph House\*  
Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan  
375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA  
510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

**Lafayette**

\*Diablo Disas\*  
Michael Gallagher  
3 Maloyan Lane  
925-283-8450 (by appt. only)

**Concord**

Nathalie Smith  
1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904  
(by appt. only); orchid supplies

**Danville**

\*Commercial Plant Services\*  
David & Alice Tomassini  
3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630

**Half Moon Bay**

\*D & D Flowers\*  
Greenhouse located in Half Moon Bay  
(925) 969-1246 (by appt. only)

**Australia**

\*Adelaide Orchids\*  
Stephen and Robin Monkhouse  
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THE PAPH HOUSE**

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9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

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*The Orchid Society of California Presents*



*Elegance of Orchids*

65th Annual Orchid Show & Sale  
Saturday & Sunday, November 16 & 17, 2002

Free Admission

Plant Sales 9 AM - 5 PM

Orchid Show Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM



*Lakeside Garden Center, Lakeside Park  
666 Bellevue Avenue at Lake Merritt  
Oakland California*

Culture Supplies & Information - Orchid Displays - Plant Raffle - Notable Growers & Hobbyists

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