Kathy Barrett and Dennis Olivas will speak on Orchids 101
Learn how to keep your orchids alive, and re-bloom them

This month is a round up of cultural advice for both new and old hands at growing orchids. Old members may need help with their collections and new members who want to know how to care for plants purchased at our show. Come one come all to our meeting for a good give and take about growing orchids. No question too big or too small. (diseased plants in plastic bags, please.) By now y'all have a million questions so come and ask them!

Kathy Barrett has been growing orchids for about 15 years, starting out on a windowsill, then under lights and finally in a greenhouse of her own design and built with her own hands. Dennis Olivas is a walking encyclopedia on growing orchids having started growing orchids as a kid in the Future Farmers of America on Kauai, Hawaii. He's been a member of just about every Bay Area orchid society and has grown orchids in his house (6000+ indoors) in commercial greenhouse space, and in his backyard.

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 speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.
Fall is in the air. The leaves are starting to turn colors, the days are getting shorter and everyone’s biological clock is leaning toward hibernation. It’s that time of the year when you can reflect on life and appreciate the tranquility that comes in the fall before the stress of the holiday season. With your mind in a state of zen, the mood is set to listen to a lecture on ancient Japanese traditions, Samurai warriors and a beloved orchid with a sweet intoxicating aroma. That’s exactly what was in store for anyone present at the October DVOS meeting as Jason Fischer lectured about Japan’s most famous orchid- Neofinetia falcata.

Neofinitias are given the popular name of “The Japanese Wind Orchid”. This orchid has a long standing tradition in Japanese culture. Ancient Samurai warriors would grow the Neofinetia orchid with great reverence. They would also actively head out into the mountains of Japanese in search of wild specimens of the wind orchid. Their journey would force them to make many dangerous river crossings and navigate through dense hillside brush in search of this treasured orchid. When
they would locate a Neofinetia orchid they would retrieve it and bring it back to present to the Japanese royalty. The successful procurement of such an orchid was considered a sign of bravery.

In today’s Japanese culture the concept of the Neofinetia orchid is a plant that looks great all year long even when not in bloom. These plants are the equivalent of the orchid Bonsai to the Japanese people. The value of these plants are based on their rarity and desirability of the individual cultivars. These cultivars vary in their flower color, leaf shape, leaf pattern, and root color. The plants are grown in very decorative pots that can have great value in and by themselves. Many of these pots have very delicate designs and are crafted by skilled Japanese ceramicists.

The cultural requirements of these orchids requires them to be re-potted in the spring to make sure that they stay inside their three inch pots. To re-pot the Neofinetia orchid you need to start with a water bottle. Cover the bottle's stem with a ball of moss. Place the plant on top of the ball of moss and spread the orchid's roots out over the ball of moss. Trim the roots so that the plant will fit back into the original pot. Cut off any dead or dying roots. Use long strands of moss to wrap around the ball and tuck the plant back into the pot. If the plant has too many growths, gently tug the excess growths from the clump and re-pot these separately. The plant will be happy and start to grow new roots quickly.

Thank you Jason Fisher for the wonderful lecture. I also need to thank Rodney Kline for taking the lecture notes. At the time, I was indisposed watching my beloved Cal Bears football team take a beat down from the USC Trojans.

- Brad Piini
Ken plants all of his Masdevallias and Draculas in Sphagnum moss. The plants love this media. 80% of his Masdevallia collection is planted in 3 inch clay pots with two styrofoam peanuts in the bottom and the rest sphagnum moss. The sphagnum moss will require repotting every year to keep the media fresh.

Masdevallias and Draculas are not heavy feeders. Ken uses 1 tsp. Dynagrow growth formula mixed with 1 tsp. Maxi-sea for the micronutrients along with 2 drops of Super Thrive diluted in 2 gallons of water. Once a week he will foliar feed his orchids (sprays the fertilizer on the leaves only). If it is very hot or very cold, Ken suspends the feeding for another week.

Ken then listed some suppliers of Masdevallias and Draculas that he has used. For plants: Hawk Hill in Pacifi ca, Columbia Co. in Pacifi ca, JLOrchids in Conneticut, and Hill Gardens in Oregon. For supplies he uses Kelly’s Corner in Maine and Orcheata owned by Tom Perlite.

Ken concluded his lecture with slides of his home growing conditions. Ken’s orchids extend from his front porch to the backyard and into the greenhouse. He showed numerous ways to increase the amount of orchids you can put into a limited amount of space. Using bars, poles, chains, and shelves, Ken is able to squeeze more orchids into every available space. Only a Black Hole, in outer space, is packed more densely than Ken’s orchid collection.

The night was full of good ideas, which I’m sure Ken will be happy to share with you. Thanks again Ken for sharing some of your secrets of sucess.
Diablo View Orchid Society

Lc. Memoria Francis Takakur

Masd. Veitchiana
I am in the process of shifting my business from ceramics to orchids and am closing out all pottery stock on hand. I am discounting all stock 30% off of the marked prices. This is for both first and second quality work. Since seconds are already discounted 50%, they are now 65% off of the regular price. If you can't make it that day, don't worry, the pottery will be open on Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm and by appointment at other times through December 17th and possibly longer. If you want to make an appointment or have any questions, you can contact me.

Contact: Marni Turkel 707-328-5973  Stony Point Ceramic Design 2080 Llano Road Suite 1B Santa Rosa, www.marniturkel.com
Dear Diablo View Orchid Society, One and All,

There is no place to start to show our appreciation for all you have done to recognize Frank with your generous words, a pin honoring him, all the flowers you provided for his Celebration of Life and the support you have given us, not just now, but over the years you have supported our family in so many ways.

What giving friends you are. This society was started with a group of dedicated Orchid lovers, and has continued to grow with caring people into a society to be proud of - lots of dedication of sharing knowledge with each other and many friendships have been developed.

We love you all!
Madge, Sue, and Steve
Upcoming Speakers and Events

Refreshments for the November Meeting will be provided by:

FOOD:
(Food must be cut into servings)
Doris Hearn
Tom Pickford
Miki Ichiyanagi
Carol Stramsborger
Parky Parkison
Barbara Ungersma
Cheryl Phillipson
Sue Davis
Alisha Gory
George McRae

DRINKS:
Carol Campbell
Alisha Gory
Karen Piini

ICE:
Melissa Sadler

SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:
Brenda Aday
Alisha Gory

Nov 10: DVOS meeting:
Kathy Barrett & Dennis Olivas
- Orchids 101 -Basic Growing Technique
Nov 12-13: Santa Cruz Orchid Show & Sale
Nov 17: DVOS Board Meeting 7:30
Nov 5-6: Orchid Society of Ca Show & Sale
Dec 14: DVOS Christmas Party
Note: this is a Wednesday
Jan 12: DVOS meeting: Steve Beckendorf

The next board meeting will be held at the home of Liz Charlton and Jamie Wasson

Phal. violacea v. alba
Awards DVOS Sept.

Novice
1st  Rst. Red Nugget  Barbara Ungersma
2nd  Phal. Golden Peoker x (William Sanders x Abendrot)  Melissa/Muriel
3rd  Brsdm. Kenneth Bivin ‘Santa Barbara’  Barbara Ungersma

Intermediate
1st  Lc. Memoria Francis Takakur (Lc. C.G. Roe bling x C. bowringiana)  Renate Johnson
2nd  V. Robert’s Delight  Renate Johnson
3rd  Pot. Susan Fender  Renate Johnson
   (My Goodness!, Renate)

Advanced
1st  Pot. Russian Lacquer  Liz Charlton
2nd  Masd. veitchiana  Carol Klonowski
3rd  Paph. Princess Sangwan (godefroyae v. ang-thong x charlesworthii)  Carol Klonowski

Lancer Smith (species/under 6”)
Masd. angulifera ‘Santa Barbara’  Miki Ichiyanagi
2011 Show Trophy Winners

Bob & Mary Lou Van Galder Trophy - Best Phalaenopsis: Phal. violacea var. alba, Liz Charlton
Floyd & Marlene Lundquist Trophy - Best Vanda: V. Pachara Delight, Renate Johnson
Frank & Madge Fordyce Trophy - Best Cattleya: (C. bowringiana x Lc. CG Roebling), Renate Johnson
Dick & Jean Emory Trophy - Best Pleurothallid: Masd. veitchiana ‘Cow Hollow’, Ken Cook
Bernice Lindner Trophy - Best Species, Large Flower: Stan. connata, Eileen Jackson
Lancer & Natalie Smith Trophy - Best Species, Small Flower: Phal violacea var. alba
Diablo View Trophy - Best Oncidium: Onc. incurvum, Brad Piini
Noble & Bea Emery Trophy - Best Art: Orchid Kaleidoscope, Heidi Rand
Scotty & Beverly Young Trophy - Best Dendrobium: Den. Wonder Nishii ‘Big Ben’, Ken Cook
Pauline Brault Trophy - Best Paphiopedilum: Paph. St. Swithin, Dave Tomassini
Founders Trophy - Best In Show: Onc. incurvum, Brad Piini

2011 DVOS Club Pins
are still available
$8

C. Circle of Life AM/AOS
Rth. David Tomassini
Ctt. Gregory Tyrome
Darden AM/AOS
DVOS Board 2012

Next month we will vote on the Board Member Slate for 2012

President: George McRae
Vice President:
Immediate Past President: Liz Charlton
Secretary: Rodney Kline
Treasurer: Brian Wraxall
Board Members: Brad Piini
  Meg Crosby
  Parky Parkison
  Jamie Wasson
  Eileen Jackson

Brsdm. Kenneth Biven ‘Santa Barbara’
Upcoming Shows and Sales

Santa Cruz Orchid Show and Sale
Sat Nov 12 (9-5) - Sun Nov 13 (10-4)
Soquel High School
104 Old San Jose Rd, Soquel
FREE parking and admission

Orchid Society of California
‘Orchid Fantasy’
Sat Nov 6 - Sun Nov 7 (10-5)
Lakeside Garden Center (Lake Merritt)
666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland
Free admission
www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com
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*Pot. Russian Lacquer*
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DVOS Show Chairman: Liz Charlton

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