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DVOS

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# **Diablo View Orchid Society**

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a 501c3 corp.

## **October 14th, 2004**

5:30 Speaker's Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Starts, Presentation ~8:00

Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

## **It's the Water Water Resources and Water Quality By Larry McCollum Of the Contra Costa Water District**

**We ride our bikes along the canal system on weekends. We walk along these same paths for exercise at lunch. We throw away the water quality reports that arrive annually in our mailboxes as just another piece of junk mail. We take our water for granted. But water and water quality can be critical to our hobby of growing orchids.**

**After reading the latest annual report I decided that it might be nice to find out where our water comes from. Maybe we should know how to read the annual report. And know the difference between hardness and calcium carbonate concentration, know what total dissolved solids means, as well as electroconductivity testing of water.**

**What? This has gone over your head? You feel awash and drowning in terms you don't understand? Have no fear! You really don't need to know any of these terms in order to grow orchids. But some folks say that in order to grow them well is another story. Believe me, some hobbyists really get into the caliber and quality of their water!**

**If anyone can knowledgeably discuss Contra Costa's water its Larry McCollum, supervising water scientist at the CCWD. The Contra Costa Water district has a long history of public service and community outreach. We are able to hold our meetings in the CCWD Board room because the CCCWD is committed to public service. The Contra Costa Water District delivers safe, clean water to 450,000 people in central and eastern Contra Costa County in Northern California. Formed in 1936 to provide water for irrigation and industry, CCWD is now one of the largest urban water districts in California and a leader in drinking-water treatment technology and source water protection. As a public water agency, the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) has over the years made a concerted effort to share information about its public services with many and varied audiences.**

**Raffle Table will be provided by Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, Ca.**

Dinner with the Speaker at Grissini's Restaurant, Concord Hilton 5:30PM Diamond Blvd, across from the Willows. \$\$ Call me so I can make reservations. 370-6520.

Next board Meeting 10/21 at Barbara Tague's house, 751 Skyline Dr. Martinez, Ca 229-0512 Concord, Ca. 94520

**BRING YOUR PLANTS TO  
OCTOBER'S MEETING AND DAVE  
TOMASSINI WILL BRING THEM TO  
THE SHOW HALL FOR YOU!**

**FAILING THAT YOU CAN BRING YOUR  
ORCHID TO THE SHOWPLACE ON SET UP  
DAY, FRIDAY OCT 15<sup>th</sup> AFTER 4:30PM. Kathy  
will enter them for you, too.**

**PUT YOUR NAME ON THE POT. Make  
a list of what plants you are bringing so you'll  
remember what to pickup! Make a 2<sup>nd</sup> list so  
Kathy will know what you want entered and what  
you don't want entered. Spelling counts!**

**September Show Table Judging Results**

Sorry, I didn't get the list this month. ☹

**September AOS Judging Results**

**San Francisco**

*Oncidium macranthum* var. *nanum* 'Memoria Henry Ho Hur'  
species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai HCC 76

**Oakland**

*Dendrobium suzukii* 'Belmont Highlands' species, Exhibited  
by Walter M. Shinn CBR(Prov)

*Panarica (Epi.) brassavolae* 'TJ' species, Exhibited by Gary  
Jones, HCC 78.

*Pecteilis susannae* 'Lafayette' species, Exhibited by Michael  
Gallagher, CHM (Prov)

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central Judging Center's  
webpage <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

**October Refreshment Sign ups**

Renata Johnson, Diane Vavrek, Bett  
Michaelsen, Barbara Tague, Phyllis Arthur, Joe  
Matull, John Bilotta, Mitsuo Megishi

**Beverages**  
Beacon Lum

**Primer on Orchid Judging**

As you'll remember from last year's judging, judging an orchid show is much easier than judging the Show and Tell table. Why? Because the orchids are categorized by type and color, so you never have to choose between widely different flowers. There are no national standards. Ribbon judging is done by "acclimation" which means by agreement of the group. You just discuss amongst yourselves what the team thinks is the nicest flower amongst those present in the group. At Diablo View we generally take that to mean whatever orchid you'd want to take home with you. Like shopping.

Some may say that's a rather simplistic way to look at judging, but really it isn't. The same qualities that attract the general public also catch the eye of seasoned AOS judges. If you look at the orchids that win our monthly Show and Tell table you can see that a team will unfailingly pick out the best orchids presented. Its almost a no-brainer. Sure, there are some times when a group has no clear winner and discussion becomes bogged down in minutiae. That's why we have people who can help break a tie or end a stalemate. Come do this! Its fun! 370-6520 -KBarrett

**Where YOU Can Help!**

I'd like to encourage anyone who has ever wondered about the ins and outs of putting on a show to participate this year. Please sign up at the October meeting or call Dennis Olivas (969-1246) or Kathy Barrett (370-6520) to learn how you can help. We not only need about 20 people to judge the show but we need about 10-15 people per day to help work the show too. Like helping at the Plant Hotel – the area where customers store their purchases while they buy more – or making sure people don't come in/out the wrong doorway.

We'd like to make a series of shifts because not everyone can devote all day to the show. Of course usually what happens is you come to work a shift and get so involved talking to people about orchids and schmoozing that you end up staying longer.

Once you work a show any other show you visit becomes more meaningful. At least I've always found that to be true. I hope you will too when you come and help us out!

- Kathy Barrett

## **DIABLO VIEW'S RIBBON JUDGING SHOW RULES!**

**WE HAD A GREAT TIME LAST YEAR SO WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!**

**IF KATHY HASN'T CALLED YOU YET PLEASE CALL HER TO SIGN UP TO JUDGE THE SHOW! 370-6520! BETTER YET, YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW SQUAT IN ORDER TO BE A JUDGE, WE'LL TRAIN YOU! HOW EASY CAN IT GET? I HOPE EVERYONE WHO JUDGED LAST YEAR WILL SIGN UP AGAIN. JUDGING STARTS AT 7:45AM SATURDAY 10/16. [GIVES YOU 1<sup>ST</sup> ACCESS TO THE VENDOR TABLES, TOO!]**

### **RIBBON JUDGING – GENERAL RULES**

A full **list of categories** was available at the September meeting, and will be available at the October meeting along with **entry cards**. Plants will be judged on flower quality and culture. Ribbons are awarded for first, second and third in each category. Ribbons will be awarded for each class of exhibitors: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Commercial. Exhibitors may decide their class based either on their years of growing experience or by definition. Trophies will be awarded for best in category (Best Catt, Best Den etc) and Best in Show.

Definitions:

**Novice:** has won 0-2 trophies, *or* has under 3 yrs growing experience

**Intermediate:** has won 3-10 trophies, *or* has 3 to 5 yrs growing experience.

**Advanced:** has won 11 or more trophies, *or* has over 5 yrs growing experience.

**Commercial:** Derives income from selling orchids.

An exhibitor may enter no more than 3 plants per category.

To be eligible for DVOS judging, plants and exhibits must be entered by Friday, between 4:30 and 8PM. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED SATURDAY MORNING.**

Plants and artistic displays may not be removed before the close of the show at 4 PM Sunday, unless the health of the plant is affected.

To guarantee DVOS judging be sure to fill out an entry form. To prevent a plant from being selected for judging please mark "No DVOS Judging" on your plant.

#### **Plant Entries/Exhibits:**

Show judging for trophies and ribbons will be by acclamation by a team of at least 3 judges. Regular DVOS members will comprise the judging teams, assisted by AOS/CSA judges if available. Plants will be judged on flower quality and culture. Judges who have entered plants in the show may not judge their own class.

Plants entered in the wrong category may be disqualified from judging. Judges may, at their discretion, move plants to the appropriate category, but they are not required to do so. Questions should be directed to the Show Chairperson.

Judges may withhold trophies or ribbons if, in their opinion, some or all plants in a category are not worthy of awards. Decision of the judges is final.

Plants entered for show judging must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 6 months prior to the show. Diseased or infected plants may not knowingly be exhibited. If discovered such plants will be disqualified and removed from the show.

Only plants entered for ribbon judging are eligible for trophy awards.

Trophy judging is by acclamation by a single team comprised of all judges who have participated in judging the show. Judges who may have plants/exhibits selected for trophy consideration may not participate in voting for that particular trophy.

**THIS'LL BE GRRREAT!**

## **We'll need to vote on the By-Laws in November, so read them!!**

### **Constitution of the Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.**

#### **The Purpose of the Constitution**

The Constitution lays down the fundamental principles of which the Society is to operate. The By-Laws establish the rules of guidance by which it is to function.

#### **Article 1. Name**

This corporation shall be called "The Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc." established as a 501c(3) corporation.

#### **Article 2. Purpose**

The purpose of this non-profit Society is to bring together at frequent intervals those who are interested in the Family Orchids with the purpose of exchanging ideas and experiences related thereto. The society will promote or participate in public or private exhibitions and displays of orchids for the benefit of the public and to disseminate information and instruction by publication, advertisement, or any other method. The society will also purchase, lease, hold, sell, develop, mortgage, convey, or otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property necessary or proper for the carrying out of the purpose of this Society.

#### **Article 3. Membership**

The membership shall be open to all individuals who are interested in the Family Orchids, subject to the provisions of the By-Laws of this Society. Individuals will not be discriminated against due to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age. All activities of the Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc. are conducted in accordance with the principle of nondiscrimination and mutual respect. Further, the Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc. does not condone or endorse any conduct that is not in accord with these principles.

#### **Article 4. Officers**

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate past President and five Directors at Large.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate the officers for the up coming year.

Section 3. No officer, with the exception of Treasurer, shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office or until his or her successors are elected.

Section 4. The officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the January meeting following their installation at the December meeting.

#### **Article 5. Board of Directors**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and the Immediate Past President.

Section 2. Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article 6. Meetings

Section 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Society or by the Board of Directors, regular meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held in January.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet from time to time at the discretion of the President or by written request of five Board members.

Section 4. The outgoing Board of Directors must meet with the newly elected Board of Directors in December of each year at which time all applicable reports shall be made.

#### **Article 7. Amendments**

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution may be submitted in writing at any regular meeting of the Society. Such proposed amendment must be signed by six (6) active members of good standing of the organization before being submitted to the meeting and shall be read to the meeting by the Secretary. After such notice it may be voted on at the next regular meeting and shall become a part of the Constitution only if approved by a two-thirds majority of the members voting at said meeting.

### **By-Laws of the Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.**

#### **Article 1. Members**

Section 1. Admission: The public may be admitted to any of three classes of membership established by these By-Laws. Admission to membership shall be upon proper application to the Membership Chairperson, together with payment of the prescribed dues.

Section 2. Rights and Privileges: The rights and privileges of the several classes of membership shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. The rights and privileges of each member shall be those in effect at the commencement of the member's current term of membership. In all matters placed before the membership for determination, each member shall have one vote. Every member may attend any meeting of the Board of directors, but may not speak unless recognized by the chairperson, and will have no voting privileges.

Section 3. Classes: There shall be three (3) classes of membership in the Society:

*Honorary Life Membership.* Available to those who wish to demonstrate his or her continuing substantial financial support of the purposes of the Society. Also, the Board of Directors may grant to an active member of good standing the Honorary Life Membership for his or her countless and continuous voluntary hours of work above and beyond the call of duty.

*Business Membership.* Available to enterprises and organizations that wish to demonstrate their continuing support of the purposes of the Society by either participating in the annual shows or advertising in our membership newsletter and roster.

*General Membership.* Applies to immediate family living at the same address. 'Family' is defined as respective spouses or significant others and their dependent children to age 18.

Section 4. Nonliability: No member shall be personally liable for debts, obligations or liabilities of the Society.

Section 5. Termination: Membership may be refused or terminated upon a hearing and unanimous action of the Board of Directors and equitable refund of dues shall be made.

#### **Article 2. Dues**

Section 1. Determination: the Board of Directors shall determine the dues of the several classes of membership.

Section 2. Payable Date: Dues are payable on the first day of January and considered delinquent on the first day of March, at which time all rights and privileges shall be revoked. New members joining after July 1 of any year shall pay one-half of the applicable annual dues for that year.

Section 3. Refunds: No refunds of dues paid shall be made to any resigning member.

#### **Article 3. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. President: The president shall preside at all meetings when present, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Society, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during his or her absence. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the Program Chairperson, scheduling speakers for the general meeting and securing plants for the opportunity table. They will also act as hospitality chairperson for the guest speakers.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Society and keep copies of it.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and deposit the funds of the Society in the name of the Society in such bank or banks as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Such funds shall be paid out only on the check of the Society signed by the President or Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Books and accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any member of the Board of Directors and Auditor. A General Member may view accounts upon written request to the Treasurer.

An audited Treasurer's Report for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented at the Board of Directors meeting no later than the end of the first quarter on the succeeding year and will be made available upon written request to members of good standing. The proposed budget for the current year will be approved at the January meeting of the Board.

Section 5. Directors at Large: Shall be available to assist whenever possible in the affairs and activities of the society or as seen fit by the President.

#### **Article 4. Board of Directors**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Society and to make rules consistent with the laws of the State of California for the guidance of the officers and management of the affairs of the Society and subject to the instructions and/or approval of the membership.

Section 2. Any officer or director may be removed by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any meeting of such directors, if, in their judgement, such Officer either by illness, neglect, lack of interest, or other cause, shall not have adequately attended to his or her duties.

Section 3. The Officers and Directors of the Society shall fill all vacancies at the next Board of Directors meeting after such vacancy shall have occurred. The newly appointed Officer shall serve in full capacity the duties of that position for the remainder term of that elected year.

#### **Article 5. Officers – Qualifications and Compensation**

Section 1. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to be nominated or to serve as officers or heads of committees.

Section 2. All Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall serve voluntarily and without compensation.

#### **Article 6. Committees**

Section 1. Nominating Committee: A committee of 3 members shall be selected each year as follows: the Immediate Past President serving as chairperson and two members in good standing nominated by the chairperson. At the regular October meeting of the Society, the nominating committee is presented to the general membership and announces the search for next year's elected officials. The proposed slate of officers must be published in the November Society newsletter and presented at the November General meeting. Further Nominations may be made from the floor at the regular November meeting or submitted in writing to the Secretary in time to be read at the November meeting. Should there be two or more nominees for any office, a ballot shall be presented at the December meeting. A majority of all votes cast by members in good standing at the December meeting shall be necessary to constitute an election. Voting may be by voice vote or by secret ballot as decided by the membership present at the December meeting.

Section 2. Other committees may be created, and their members appointed, as the Board of Directors shall from time to time require.

Section 3. Committee Chairpersons: Committee chairpersons do not cast a vote in society business.

#### **Article 7. Order of Business**

Section 1. Routine business normally shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 8. Dissolution**

Section 1. Should the Society be dissolved at any time, its assets and all income accrued thereon shall be distributed to any other orchid related non-profit organization, as chosen by the elected officials of the Society.

#### **Article 9. Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1. Meetings of the Society and Board of Directors shall be conducted in conformity with *Robert's Rules of Order*, revised, latest edition.

**Article 10. Amendments**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended in the manner provided for amendments to the Constitution, as set forth in Article 7 of the Constitution of the Society.

Original accepted by the Franchise Tax Board, State of California.

By-Laws amendments presented and approved by the Board of Directors.

**Fall Orchid Festival Show & Sale**

presented by  
**Diablo View Orchid Society**

**Saturday, October 16, 2004**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Sunday, October 17, 2004**

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Pleasant Hill Community Center**

320 Civic Drive

Pleasant Hill

(see map on back)

Adults: \$2.00

Children: Free

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\* Orchid Displays - Orchid Sales & \*Raffles\*

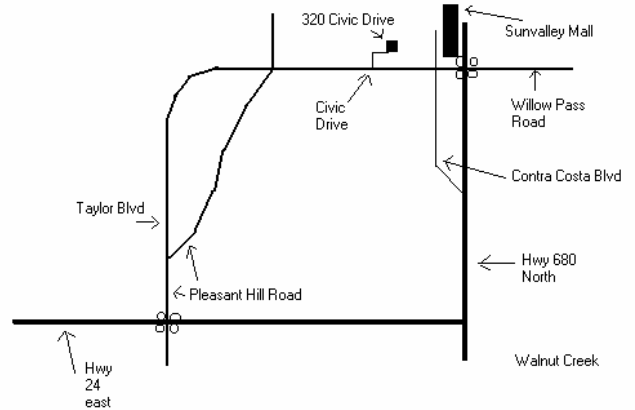
\* Plant Doctor \*

\* Potting & Culture Demonstrations \*

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm



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