

Diablo View Orchid Society

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Sept 2010

At Our next meeting September 9

Dennis Olivas Grows **Hot and Cold**



Dennis spent his early years pirating the waters around Hawaii with a band of merry cut-throats, feared by the locals for their acappella renderings of 'Love Is A Many Splendored Thing'.

Having made his fortune and exhausted the limited pirate repertoire of 'yo, ho, ho's and barrels o' rum', Dennis headed for Honolulu, minus his wooden leg and eye patch, his belongings swinging from a stick leaned jauntily against his shoulder. His trusty, scatologically inclined parrot, Jacob, flew off into the sunset, shouting nasty words over his wing at his blissfully unaware former master. (cont p.2)

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 D& D Orchids.

NEXT MEETING

Thur. Sept 9

5:30 - Speaker's Dinner

7:00 - 9:30 pm Meeting

Contra Costa Water

District Board Room

1331 Concord Ave.

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Honolulu was a dream come true for Dennis. With the ill-gotten gain from his pirate career, he bought an estate in the city, hired a bevy of servants to see to his every need, and enrolled in Former Pirates U., where he studied fire dancing, pig roasting, astrophysics and orchid cultivation. It was an exciting six weeks.

Upon graduation Dennis donated his vast estate to the city, which renamed it Lyon Arboretum and opened it to the public. Go to www.hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum for visitors information. He threw off his cap and gown and fire danced his way through the city, showered with flowers and cheered by adoring crowds, to the Bishop Planetarium where he demonstrated his personal, novel technique for nude observation of the rings of Saturn and lectured for what seemed like hours on the size of the diamonds set in the rings.

Once this triumph was complete and Dennis had accepted his Nobel Prize, he cast about for a new life that would satisfy his now more mature spirit and stimulate his burgeoning intellect. California called to him from the east, and off he set once more, bindle with belongings checked in baggage, because the flight attendant couldn't get it in the overhead. This chapped Dennis to no end, but his sunny disposition prevailed yet again; and his arrival in San Francisco was mercifully free of police officers and TSA personnel. Cutlass sheathed, he entered the city from the west, gliding like a god on a surfboard made of gold.

In the Bay Area Dennis embarked upon a storied career inventing the entire concept of orchid shows, running Chevron Oil Corporation, barbecuing like nobody's business and being the cutest boy in town. Here he met the love of his life, the long-suffering and fabulously good-looking David, and became the beloved and respected lecturer you will see and hear at DVOS's meeting on Sept 9th.

Thank you Joan Wraxall for this insightful bio of Dennis O.

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair

membership@dvos.org

We have 79 members.

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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David and Alice Tomassini
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Thanks to Dennis and Sue for conducting our very successful auction

Best Costume Awarded to Charis & Calvin Anderson



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Greenhouse Tours:
Parky Parkison

Refreshments:
Linda Castleton
Melissa Sadler

Raffles and Sales:
Rita Tischler

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:
Dennis Olivas

Upcoming Speakers and Events

Sept 9: Dennis Olivas "*Dennis Grows Hot & Cold*"
Sept 18: California Orchids sale 9am-4pm (see p. 7)
Oct 15 - 17: DVOS Show and Sale (see p. 9 - 11)
Nov 11: Cindy Hill "*Care of Plants that win Cultural Awards*"
Dec 8: Christmas Party

The next Board Meeting

Will be at the home of Kathy Barrett on
Sept. 16th at 7:30 pm



Refreshments for the Sept Meeting

Food:
MaKayla Shields
Barbara Ungersma
George McRae

Drinks:
Rita Tischler

The Secret Life of Sphagnum Moss

Biologist Joan Edwards and physicist Dwight Whitaker broke out the high-speed cameras to capture exploding peat moss. See the Video at:

www.sciencefriday.com/videos/watch/10318

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California Orchids Fall Sale!
Saturday, Sept 18th 9 am - 4 pm



Many Varieties of Orchids . . . small to very large specimens
In and out of flower

Cool, Intermediate, and Warm growers.

Repotting Materials, Sound Advice

Come see our 17 ft orchid logs . . they look great!

California Orchids

515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, Ca 94924 415-868-0203

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for information about our Boarding Services and a map to our nursery in Bolinas.

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EXHIBITION SCHEDULE 2010

TROPHY JUDGING- GENERAL RULES

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED TO EXHIBITS:

These trophies are awarded to anyone who participates in this annual show.

1. AOS Show Trophy – most outstanding exhibit in show. Any size eligible.
2. ODC Show Trophy – exhibit displaying the highest levels of artistry, taste and innovation in design and presentation; flower quality; cultural excellence.
3. Best Educational Trophy

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANTS:

Trophies should be awarded in the order they are listed. Plants nominated must be a blue ribbon winner. Owner of the awarded plant must be a member of good standing and have paid their current annual dues.

The Stan & Dale Dinsmore Trophy - Best Cymbidium Orchid Flower The Bob & Mary Lou Van Galder Trophy - Best Phalaenopsis Orchid Flower The Floyd and Marlene Lundquist Trophy - Best Vanda Orchid Flower The Frank and Madge Fordyce Trophy - Best Cattleya Flower The Dick and Jean Emory Trophy - Best Pleurothallid Species Orchid Flower The Bernice Lindner Trophy - Best Species Orchid Flower (plant taller than 6" with flowers larger than 1 ½ inches) The Lancer and Natalie Smith Trophy - Best Botanical Species Orchid Flower (plant no taller than 6" with flowers no larger than 1 ½ inches) The Noble and Bea Emery Trophy - Best Orchid Art in the show award to the DVOS member artist (photography, painting, needle work, etc) The Scotty and Beverly Young Trophy - Best Dendrobium Orchid Flower The Don and Shirley Baker Trophy - Judges Choice of any Blue Ribbon winner flower or plant that did not win a perpetual trophy. The Pauline Brault Trophy - Best First Bloom Seedling Flower Founder's Trophy – Donated by Noble Emery - Best Orchid Flower in the show selected from all of the Perpetual Trophies listed above.

RIBBON JUDGING – GENERAL RULES:

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 Open. Exhibitors class is based by definition listed.

Definitions: Show Trophy is defined as Best of Class Award or any perpetual trophy awards won by an individual at orchid shows throughout the world. This is cumulative and we will not police this with an iron hand. We expect our membership to be fair and honest about their classification and if in doubt, please ask the DVOS Show Chair or the Board of Directors.

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Novice: has never won a show trophy, AOS or CSA award in any orchid show, *or* has won up to 3 trophies.

Intermediate: has won 4 to 10 trophies.

Advanced: has won 11 or more trophies.

Open: is as stated and any member of the DVOS can enter this category. If you feel you can beat the competition, which also includes commercial growers, than you may enter your blooming orchid in this category. You may not enter your plant in the open category and also cross enter it the novice, intermediate and advanced categories. This category also includes commercial growers, vendors with a commercial license, or anyone who sells orchids at individual sales booths at orchid shows, flea markets, farmers' markets or general public special events. This does not include Orchid Society Membership sales tables at monthly meetings, shows and orchid society special events.

To be eligible for DVOS ribbon judging and AOS judging, plants and exhibits must be entered on Friday, between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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 for each plant entered. If you are entering a plant for AOS judging, an official AOS entry form must be completed. **IN ANY AOS OR CSA JUDGED SHOWS: ALL PLANTS ARE CONSIDERED ENTERED FOR AOS/CSA JUDGING UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MARKED "NOT FOR AOS/CSA JUDGING".** Failures to so mark your plants will, 1) allow any judge can screen plants in the display before judging and enter the plant for you, and 2) disqualify them from consideration for national awards at a later date. Questions should be directed to the Show Chairperson.

Plant Entries/Exhibits:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Plants entered for show judging must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 6 months prior to the show.
- E. Diseased or infected plants may not knowingly be exhibited. If discovered such plants will be disqualified and removed from the show.
- F. Only plants entered for ribbon judging are eligible for trophy awards.
- G. 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. **One cannot vote on one's own plant or exhibit.**

Artistic Entries/Exhibits: Some examples of Artistic Exhibits include but are not limited to corsages, cut flower arrangements, photographs, paintings, drawings, pottery, jewelry etc. Entries must NOT have been entered in previous years for judging.

- A. Judging teams will include DVOS members assisted by AOS/CSA judges, if available.
- B. No artistic division exhibitor may participate in judging the artistic division.
- C. Each artistic division entry must be the original work of the entrant.
- D. Until judging has been officially completed it is necessary that the exhibits appear anonymous. After that each exhibitor may place a card up to 3x5 containing personal information. No prices may be displayed at any time.

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DVOS Show Cultural Presentations:

Saturday, October 16, 2010

11am Masdevallia/Pleurothallid Culture - Ken
1pm Cymbidium Culture - Dan
3pm Phalaenopsis Culture - Diana

Sunday, October 17, 2010

11am General Culture - Dennis
1pm Cymbidium Culture - Dan
3pm Phalaenopsis Culture - Diana

Other Information:

Friday: Setup and Sunday break-down - all members available: Dennis will get volunteers at general meeting

Friday: Display wall lattice panels, rolls of black table covers, raffle plants (Dennis is donating a couple of blooming plants) – Dave Tomassini

Friday: 5 Display tables 2' X4' and 4 - 2 ½' X 6' tables for vending area: Dennis

Friday: Plant Registration and placing plants into display Kathy Barrett and volunteers: Dennis will get volunteers at general meeting. Kathy will bring registration cards, plant category schedule, and ribbons/trophy.

Security for Saturday and Sunday: all members available: Dennis will get volunteers at general meeting

Saturday: Henry Tenenbaum orchid basket delivery: Diana Vavrick

Saturday: Judges Continental Breakfast: Dennis Olivas
Coffee & Teas, Sweet rolls, fruits

Saturday: AOS Judging: Kathy Barrett

Saturday and Sunday Lunches and Snacks: David Dunn and Nancy Pak

Bottle water, Regular and diet soda (coffee and teas will be there from early AM) Hot cups, plates, forks, knives, napkins, condiments

Saturday: order fried chicken from Lucky's or roast chix from Costco
Salads – veggie and pasta, Salad dressing, desserts

Sunday Salads: veggie and pasta, salad dressing, breads, cold cuts, cheese, desserts

Saturday and Sunday Membership Sales: Brian Waxall (Brian please get your volunteer team together. Mahalo!) Brian have ample amount of AOS Culture Sheets.

Saturday and Sunday Plant Hotel: Noble and we need some volunteers to help

Saturday and Sunday Entry Desk - Alice and we need some volunteers to help

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DVOS Show information: (cont. from p. 10)

Advertising (flyers in local stores/shops): Dennis and members

Advertising – Other society newsletter/websites: Dennis

Advertising - roadside signs: Brad **I need more volunteers to help place the roadside signs up.**

Advertising - Banners: Kathy

Advertising - website: Ulrike

Advertising - Post Card size flyer: Jamie

Sales vendors – Dennis: There will be two, D&D Flowers and Orchids and Gardens



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AOS Awards August 2010

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

8/03/10 - Pacific Central JC - San Francisco

Dendrobium laevifolium 'Sam's Choice', AM 81 species.

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Dendrobium laevifolium 'Golden Ray', HCC 76 species.

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Dendrobium victoriae-reginae 'Blue Halo', HCC 77 species.

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

8/7/10 - California Sierra Nevada JC - Sacramento

Dimorphorchis rossi 'Pickle's Delight', HCC 77 species

Exhibited by Ted Foin

Paphiopedilum S. Gratrix 'Blanc de Blanc', HCC 76

(*Paph. bellatulum* x *Paph. godefroyae*), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Sarcochilus hilli 'Elizabeth Anne', CBR (prov),

Exhibited by James Morris

8/16/10 - Pacific Central JC - Oakland

Acineta superba 'Winston', AM 80 species.

Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Bulbophyllum alaguense 'Gilbert', CCM 84 species.

Exhibited by Carol Zoltowski

Dendrobium schneiderae 'Gilbert', HCC 75 species.

Exhibited by Carol Zoltowski

Paphiopedilum Pacific Rainbow 'Vinho Verde', AM 80

(*Paph. Rainbow Sky* x *Paph. Pacific Shamrock*), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Dracula diabolus 'Andina', HCC 79 species

Exhibited by George McRae



Awards can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center:

www.aospacificcentral.org

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center:

www.csnjc.org

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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 ()

Endorse check payable to: **Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.**

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