

SEPTEMBER 2014

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*Orchid
Society*

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DVOS meets on the second Thursday of the month at the
Contra Costa Water District boardroom 7:30-10:00 pm
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Bruce Rogers will speak on Sobralias
on Sept 11 at 7:30 at the Concord
Water Board meeting room**

BOARD MEETING:

**Sept 25th at 7:30 pm
at the home of Sung Lee**

SPEAKER'S DINNER

BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING

AT 5:30 PM:

**Sichuan Fortune House,
41 Woodsworth Lane,
Pleasant Hill**

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,

Membership Chair

membership@dvos.org

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email and need a B&W copy mailed to you,
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OUR ANNUAL BBQ AND AUCTION

This year's theme: *Hooray for*





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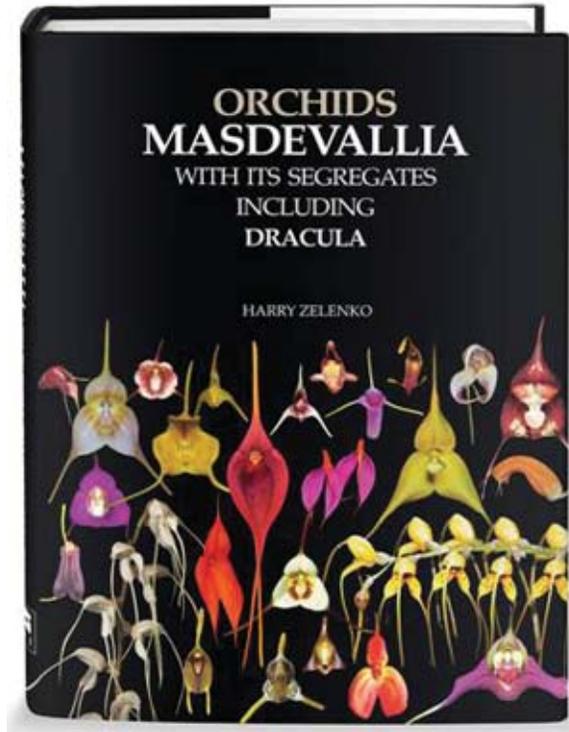


Fae, granddaughter of Sue Davis, was the

Winner of the \$50
prize for the best
theme related costume.

HERE'S THE NEW BOOK. ONE COPY AT RETAIL IS \$140.
BUT FOR MEMEBERS IT IS SPECIALLY PRICED AT \$95
PLUS MAILING COST.

- Harry Zelenko www.zzz@uio.satnet.net



Masdevallia with its Segregates including Dracula has been published by ZAI Publications, a publisher specializing in orchid books. The book includes *Dracula*, *Porroglossum* and *Trisetella* along with *Masdevallia*. The book is essentially a picture book which offers the most comprehensive photographic treatment to date with more than one thousand photographs taken by orchid experts including Ton Sijm. The *Masdevallia* taxonomy is based on Carl Luer's original *Masdevallia* genera and also includes his new genera for some of the groups as well as the latest molecular research by other authors. Also included is information on *Masdevallia* culture, a complete listing of species and an index plus articles by orchid experts including Gary Meyer, Ph.D., Alexander Hirtz, Alfonso Doucette, Rosemarie Zelenko, Herschel Littlegreen and the author, Harry Zelenko

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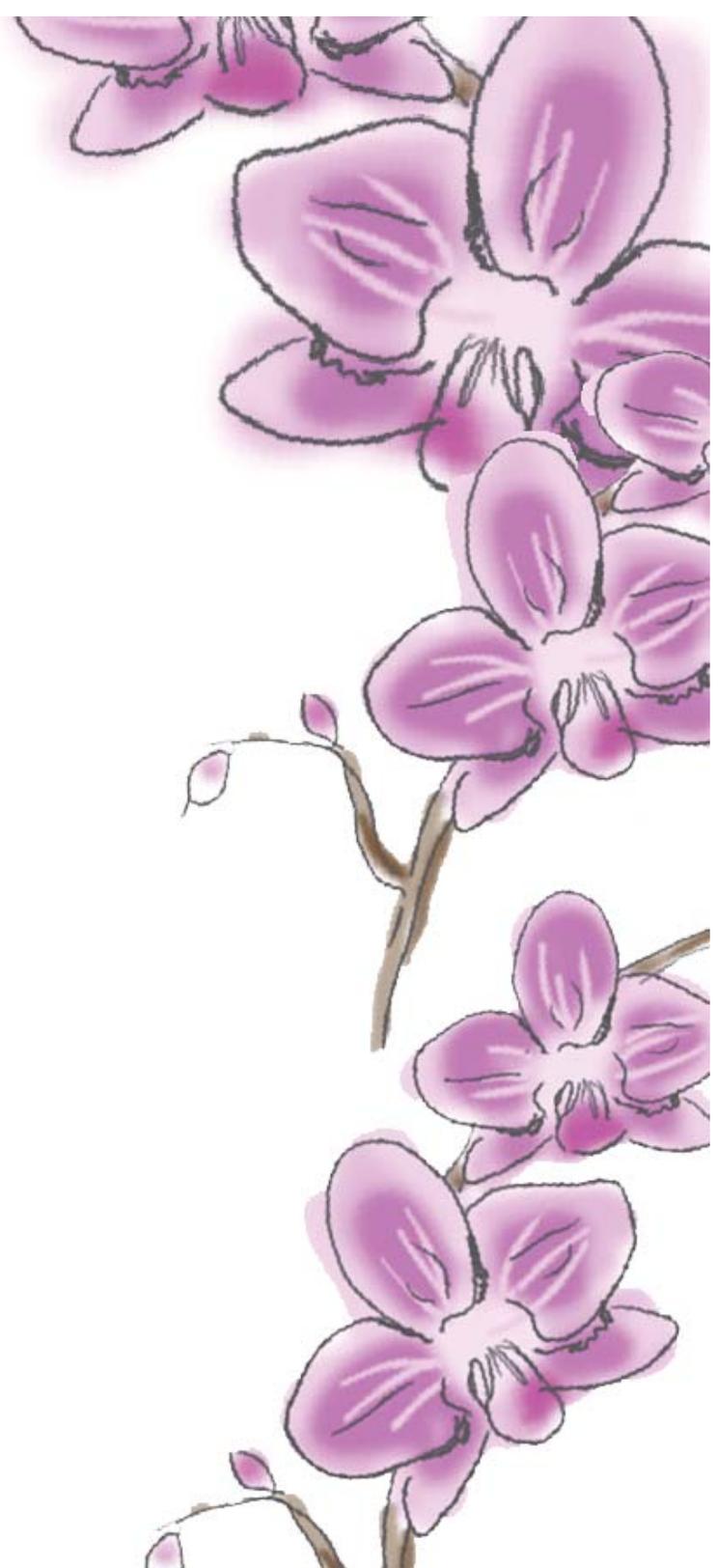
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Complete agenda and hotel information at

www.orchiddigest.com/paph-guild.html



This is a sepal-peloric Cymbidium Radiant Ruby 'Aussie Gem'



Most peloric flowers show changes between the lip and the petals, where colors or other traits of the lip are expressed on the petals. It's not uncommon and can be found in nature. However genetic mutations can also occur causing pelorism between the lip and the sepals. Often this arises as a mutation in the meristem process, it very rarely, if ever, occurs naturally. Cymbidium aficionados are familiar with the breeding lines for sepal-peloric plants arising from Cym. Cleo's Melody 'Freakout'. The late Loren Batchman especially liked sepal peloric Cymbidiums. But this hybrid has no Cleo's Melody in its background at all. Indeed, a quick google image search will show many pictures of Cym. Radiant Ruby, all with typical petals and sepals. Which makes this one a happy find for its owner Randall Robinson of Melbourne, Australia who works at Victoria University.





DVOS is moving in 2015

Our current meeting place, the Contra Costa Water District Board room, will not be available to us next year due to earthquake retrofitting. Beginning in

January, we will meet at the newly rebuilt Pleasant Hill Community Center in the McHale Room. Some of you will remember this as the location where we held our Fall Show for many years prior to the rebuild.

In addition to changing our location, we will also be changing from the second Thursday to the third Thursday of each month. The Community Center is located at 320 Civic Dr. in Pleasant Hill (near the Police station and the YMCA.)

Want to be a Board Member ?

Help decide the direction of DVOS.

The Club benefits when more people are willing to help with the decisions about speakers and events. Call Eileen Jackson (2014 president) or any board member, to let them know you would be willing to serve as a board member in 2015.

AOS Corner



From the Desk of Laura Newton
Chair- Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee

Things are sizzling this month!

I encourage all of you to plan to attend the AOS Fall Members' Meeting October 29th through November 2nd in conjunction with the 16th International Slipper Symposium, along with special Meetings and Events for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, the Pleurothallid Alliance, and the Slipper Orchid Alliance. Check out the extraordinary list of speakers and topics!

§ Manolo Arias- "Solving the Mysteries of Phragmipedium kovachii Culture"

§ Chen-Chung Chen- "Multifloral Paphiopedilums in Taiwan"

§ John Doherty- "A Beautiful Mess: Growing and Flowering 2,263 inches of Petals"

§ Robert Fuchs- "Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybrids: Where We Stand Today"

§ Peter Lin- "Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybridizing"

§ Rick Lockwood- "What Do Orchids Eat?"

§ Gary Meyer, PhD- "Dracula Culture and Taxonomy"

§ David Off- "Cattleya Collecting in the 21st Century"

Growing our membership, one
Orchid lover at a time,
Laura Newton
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Not only is it a great function for learning, it is also an excellent time to visit with old friends and to meet new Orchid Friends! So, come join us in Florida.

Check out both our website www.aos.org (under the Fall Meeting tab on the home page) and www.slippersymposium.com for full details.

The webinars are a great way to learn about Orchids from the comfort of your home. On August 21st at 8:30pm EDT, Lois Cinert will host "Phragmipedium Species and Hybrids."

**This one is for Members only, so if you aren't a member yet, now's the time to join and with the new digital membership of only \$40, it's a steal!

If you cannot join us on this date, keep in mind that all of the webinars are recorded and can be found on the website for listening whenever it's convenient for you.

I always learn something new in every issue of Orchids Magazine. This month's issue has an interesting letter written to our resident expert Thomas Miranda, on how to keep up humidity in your growing area. Meena Divakaran has a couple of great ideas, she places carpet padding on her benches and also hangs burlap with a soaker hose, which sound like great ideas to me.

I personally don't own any Miltoniopsis, but David Rosenfeld's article and the beautiful photos, also found in this month's magazine, have convinced me that I should give them a try. He covers everything from the history to the culture, so check it out!

In keeping with the "Hot" theme this month...Did you know that we have a monthly checklist on the website (Just look under the All About Orchids heading tab)? It provides great information for the major genera, with info on how to deal with the dog days of summer.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Sept. 11: DVOS meeting with Bruce Rogers who will talk to us about Sobralias

**Oct. 4-5: Pleasant Hill Art, Jazz & Wine Festival
DVOS will have a booth
(see P. 14)**

Oct. 9: DVOS meeting features Show & Tell with Cultural Tips and Problem Solving.

Suggestion Box

Beginning this month, we will have a SUGGESTION BOX on the table where we sell raffle tickets. If you want us to bring in a speaker on a topic you are interested in, if you are having a problem, or just have questions you want addressed at our meetings, **MAKE A SUGGESTION**. You can also email your ideas to dvosnews@gmail.com

Marcia Hart is our *New Member Mentor*. Contact her at MarHart2@aol.com if you have questions or a problem, or need advice on an orchid topic. (Her phone number is in your roster). Marcia will answer your question or find someone who can.





Congratulations to Ken Cook.
One of his fabulous orchids got awarded
at the August CSNJC Speaker's Day in
Sacramento.



Photos courtesy of Ramon de los Santos.



Den. delacourii 'Luna Dandelion'
received both a CCM/AOS for excellent
culture and an AM/AOS for flower
quality.



EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!

(THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING - 1966)

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

BECAUSE OF OUR AUGUST PICNIC, WE DO NOT HAVE SIGN-UPS FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR THE SEPT. MEETING. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO BRING SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK, AND SHARE. WHEN YOU BRING REFRESHMENTS YOU

Art, Jazz & Wine Festival

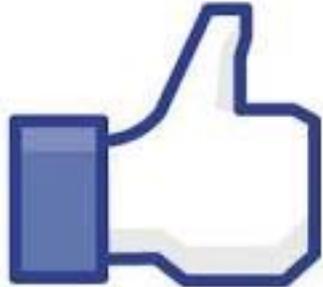
Downtown Pleasant Hill Oct 4-5

We will again have a booth at the Pleasant Hill Art, Jazz & Wine Festival.

We have rented a booth at the street fair in Pleasant Hill.

This is our best shot at recruiting new members. We will have a display, plants for sale, and a new membership drive.

We need your help for this event to be a success. Please plan to help us set-up, clean-up, and man the booth for a few hours on one of these days. There will be signup sheets at the September meeting.



There is a Facebook page called
'Wardian Cases, Orchidariums and Vivariums'
for hobbyists interested in growing indoors
and under lights.



The California Sierra Nevada Judging
Center has updated its web page with
awards through the Speaker's Day.

<http://www.csnjc.org>

*Woo-hoo! Someplace fun to go to an
AOS trustees meeting!*

The theme is 'Winning with Orchids'

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center and the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada in Reno will be hosting the 2015 AOS Trustees Meeting in November, a little over a year from now. Expect announcements to start coming in so you can prepare to attend and display your club's plants at this event.

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