

Diablo View Orchid Society

November Meeting:

Thursday, Nov. 8 - 7:15 PM

at the Contra Costa Water District
1331 Concord Ave, Concord 94521

Snacks: Judith Johnson, Irma, Claire Conger,
Barbara Ungersma and Lisa Chow

Drinks: Brittany

Tea: Daniel

Our Holiday Party

will be Dec. 13 at the Pleasant
Hill Community Center,
320 Civic Drive, Concord
(Same location as last year)

Orchid Sale **this weekend**

By D & D Flowers & Tiny Jungle
It's their spring sale!

See page 6 for details.

**Publicity for our February
orchid show is on the last pages**

The pre-meeting dinner with the
speaker is at 5:30 at

Aung MayLika
1050 Contra Costa Blvd., Concord

Email Betty Chinn if you want to attend
kauwonn@gmail.com

About our Nov. speaker...

Bob Hamilton will speak to us about

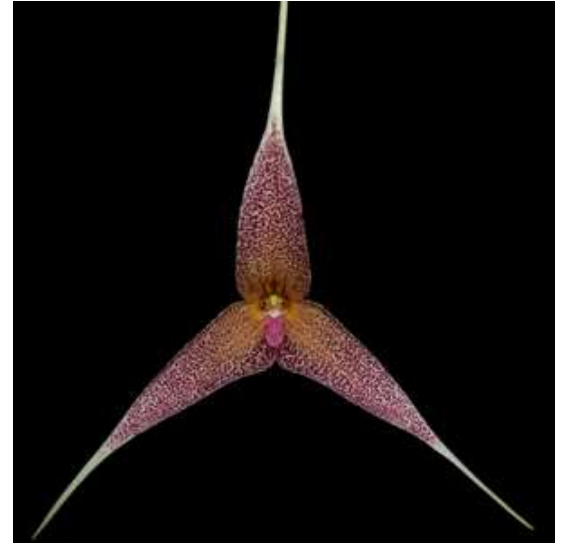
**The Rise & Fall of the Orchid Hobby and our Preservation
Effort for Cool Growing Andean Orchids and Their Hybrids**

Bob was born August 2, 1946 in the city of Berkeley, California and has remained a resident ever since. He met his partner, John Leathers in 1975 and they began growing orchids after purchasing a home with a built-in solarium. In 1979 they bought their present home and built a 15' x 25' standalone glass greenhouse. As their avocation expanded they rented additional greenhouse space in Daly City sharing it with other orchid friends. For the 15 or so years they've rented space in Pacifica, California. They currently grow in a 3000 sq. ft greenhouse and hybridize orchids. They do their own lab work, pot to blooming plant and have a well equipped lab in their house.

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They specialize in cool growing Andean orchid species, John in the genus *Dracula* and *Masdevallia* and Bob in *Odontoglossums*. Their goal is to improve plants in these genera, share them with others and do their best to maintain the interest in hobby orchid growing given, as with many hobbies, a "greying" of participants. They now see their collection and work as mostly a preservation effort. They are both avid art collectors - yet another of their bottomless money pits and John is the editor of The International *Odontoglossum* Alliance newsletter published in both Spanish and English with a readership of more than 180 subscribers.



Bob's talk will begin with the discovery of nature at the beginning of the 19th Century, an age of invention and the tremendous social changes which that century begot. The Victorian orchid craze was one result. The momentum and enthusiasm for orchid raising went on for most of the next 100 years. We have entered an age where hobbyists are greying, competing with social media for time. Property values are high, building codes interfere with construction of greenhouses and big-box stores sell orchid plants below cost as "price leaders", thus destroying small businesses. Inept interference by the Royal Horticultural Society and a failure of leadership by the American Orchid Society have created an embargo on how plants travel. The future of the orchid hobby is bleak.

The plant table will be supplied by our speakers

President's Message

Dear Orchid Enthusiasts:

Last month's "question of the month" was whether or not we wanted to have a potting party. We took a count... the "ayes" won and it was scheduled for 9 days after the meeting. Saturday, October 20, eleven members came to my house and participated in the event. After watching a demonstration by Eileen, each had time to repot their own plants and ask questions if they got stuck. Thanks also go to Linda Castleton, our phalaenopsis guru, who helped several members with their plants. It lasted over 2 hours and ended with wonderful cheesecake!

BE SURE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY!

Marcia

Winners at our October Meeting



Cirrhopetalum lingeberinum
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Joanne



Den Hibiki
Novice: 2nd Place
Grown by Lisa Chow



Cattleya Maxima
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Macia Hart



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Interm: 1st Place and Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Renate Johnson

Winners at our October Meeting



Den Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Interm: 2nd Place
Grown by Barbara Ungersma



Cattleya 'Apple Blossom' BLC
Interm: 3rd Place
Grown by Linda Castleton



Arpophyllum alpinum
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by Sung Lee



Pleurothallis Grobyi
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Eileen Jackson

Winners at our October Meeting



Paphiopedilum Fumi Delight
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Dale Martin



An example of how small
some of our orchids can be



An example of how large
some of our orchids can be



D & D Flowers & Tiny Jungle Spring Sale
November 3rd & 4th, 2018
9:00 am to 3 pm

169 1st Avenue
Daly City, CA 94014

Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore exit and veer to the right onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street (service station on the right and Krispy Kream Donut at opposite corner). Go over the freeway, through Junipero Serra Blvd to San Pedro (Catholic Church at intersection). Make a left onto San Pedro and continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Directions 280 north of Hicky Blvd.: Take the Pacifica/Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the right to the Eastmoore Avenue exit. At the stop light, you would like to be on the 2nd lane to the left. Turn left onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light; make a right turn onto San Pedro Road. Then continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Please drive safely. Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence.

Mahalo for your cooperation!!!!!!



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PRESENTS

Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale

Saturday February 9, 2019 • 10am - 4:30pm

- **Orchid Workshops:** Repotting, reblooming your orchid
- **Orchid Vendors and Raffle**
- **Repotting Service:** \$5 for up to a 5" pot
- **Receive a free orchid for joining DVOS!** (day of show only)

Admission \$5 • \$3 with this card • 12 & Under free

For more information visit www.DVOS.org

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The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of several pink orchids with yellow centers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the delicate patterns on the petals.

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*Valentines
Orchid Show
& Sale*

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019

Orchid Workshops

Learn how to repot your orchid safely, and how to rebloom your orchid again, with even more flowers. Learn the tips successful orchid growers use.

Raffle

Fantastic orchids and orchid related items

Repotting Service

Dont want to repot it your self? Let us do it! \$5 for up to a 5" pot

Orchid Vendors

Fresh Orchids from Local and Global Vendors!

Get a Free Orchid for joining DVOS! (day of show only).

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